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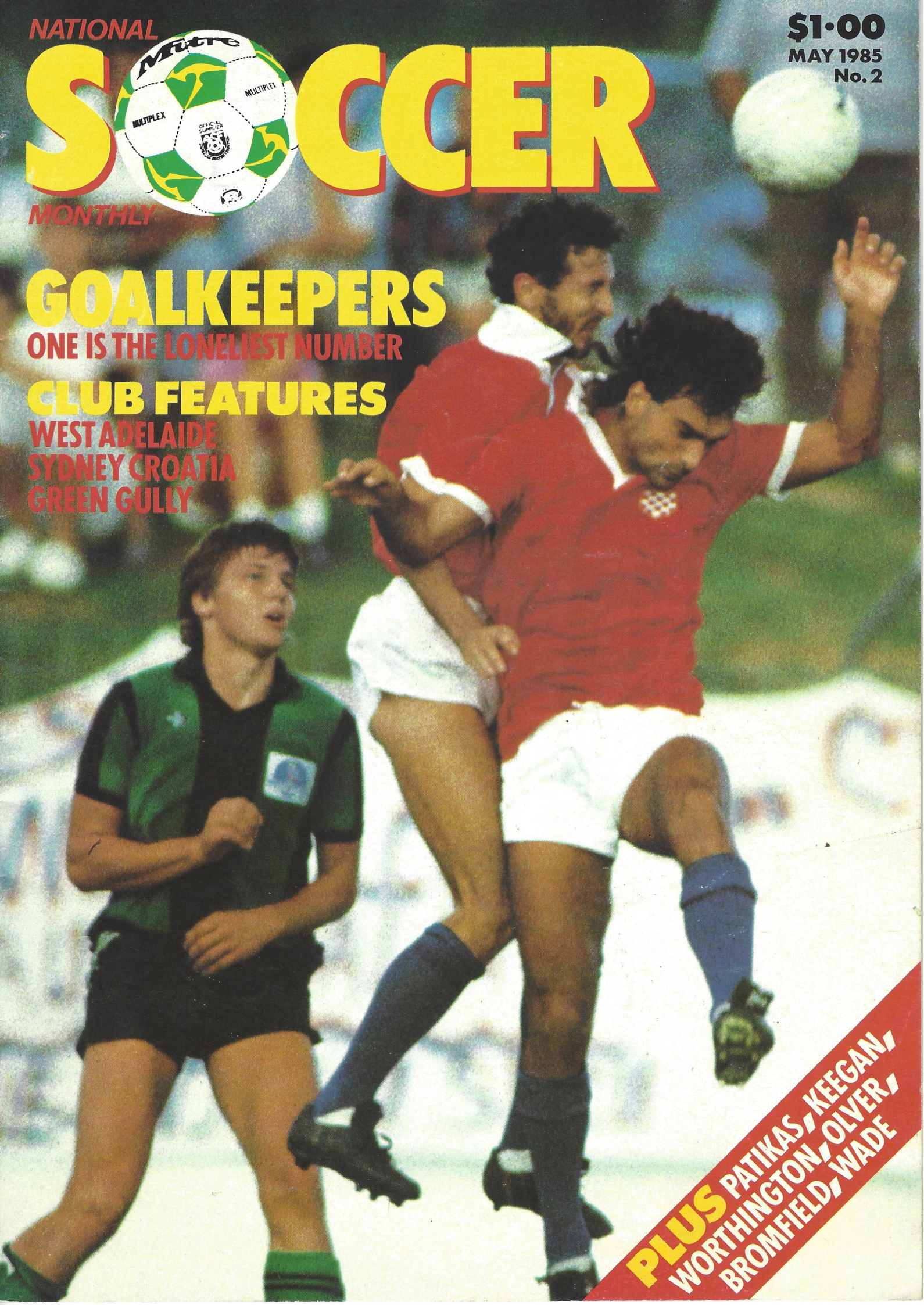

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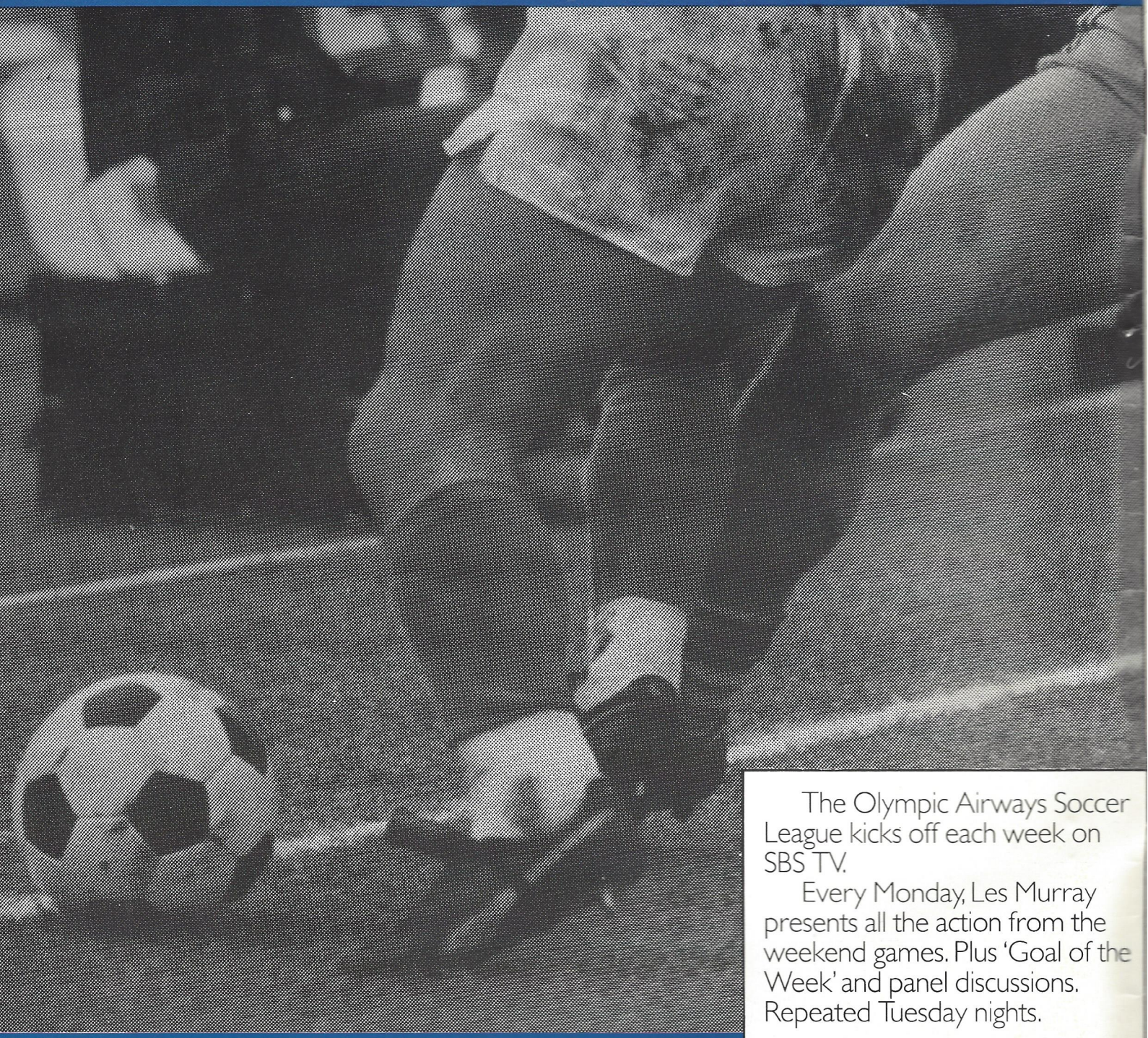

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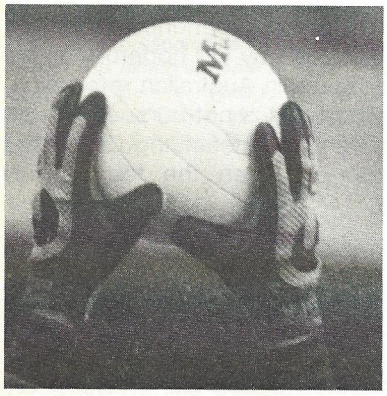

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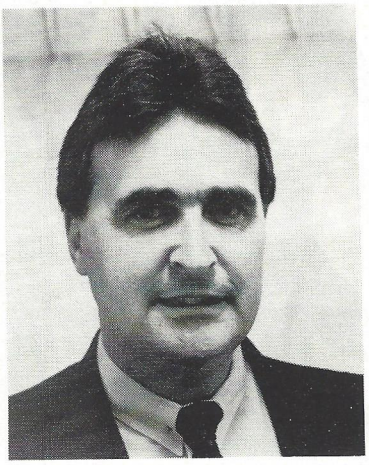

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK...

This month we're thrilled to announce a great breakthrough for the Olympic Airways National Soccer League. Australian Soccerpools are changing their game format to include Sunday matches on the pools coupon and this means that NSL fixtures will now hold a regular place.

It's great news not only for pools players but for the league itself because it creates a new avenue of promotion for our activities. For many years it had been a subject of much frustration that the timing of our NSL fixtures did not permit inclusion in the pools draw. But the management of Australian Soccerpools has found a way around the problem.

For the NSL it comes as a timely announcement as Australian Soccerpools are aboard as one of our valued sponsors.

May is a big month for Austrlian Soccerpools. Since announcing their new "Six from 38" format later this month, the prospect of bigger prizes and jackpots has excited regular and prospective pool players.

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Last month saw plenty of publicity about the role of the referees in the conduct of our sport. The NSL took the initiative by setting up a summit in Sydney for coaches, refs, linesmen and other interested parties to meet and "clear the air".

The result has been a better level of co-operation from almost everybody. Most people now appreciate the difficulties of rostering refs for important NSL games and grooming less experienced men at the same time.

For instance, there are 29 referees on the NSL roster with 14 being available for matches in the Northern division's weekend round of six games. While it is preferable to have the top referees officiating each week, it is still necessary to provide opportunities for those officials who do not have the same experience as the top men but one day will hopefully fill the senior spots in Australian refereeing. If this process is not pursued we will not have any outstanding refs ready to step up when the top officials retire.

It should also be remembered that referees are members of their respective State divisions and therefore have a responsibility to officiate at State Federation matches. The NSL does not have exclusive call on the services of top referees.

Criticism has suggested that the top referees have not been getting the top jobs. Statistics from recent years do not support this. The top men are officiating at more NSL games than was the case a few years ago.

Last season, Gary Power (the number one referee) controlled 26 NSL games. In 1982 the top referee, Tony Boskovic carried the whistle in 10 NSL Games.

The most desirable result on referee appointments is to have regular exchanges to enable the top officials to control inter-state NSL games. This is the ideal situation and finances permitting, one we plan to arrive at before the end of this season.

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SBS TV's innovative new format for the 1985 soccer season has aroused favourable comment among NSL ranks.

The man at the helm is producer Gary Thornthwaite who was cutting his sportscasting teeth on popularising televised basketball in Canberra before turning his skills to soccer. The season is still young but, according to SBS, the soccer mailbag is fatter than its ever been and most letter writers are young viewers.

— Stefan Kamasz

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OFF THE POST

National Soccer Monthly welcomes your opinions. Write to us and express your soccer views. We're giving away a Mitre ball to the reader responsible for the letter of the month. This month's winner is Adam Martin aged 10 of Enmore. ***Write to:*** *The Letters Editor, National Soccer Monthly, 36-38 Clarence St, Sydney 2000.*

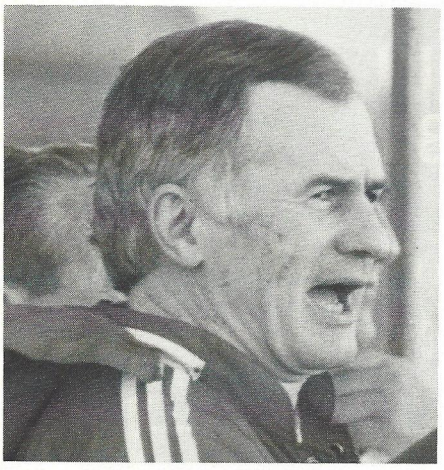
ONE FROM THE TOP

It was with great pleasure that I welcomed the first issue of National Soccer Monthly. The publication fills a most important role in the promotion and presentation of the Olympic Airways National Soccer League, its sponsors, clubs and players. I congratulate all concerned and look forward with anticipation to future issues.

Sam Papasavas, Chairman
Olympic Airways,
National Soccer League.

AND ONE FROM THE BENCH

I'm thrilled to greet a publication that throws the focus of attention on the many gifted players appearing in Australia's premier soccer league. National Soccer Monthly recognises the contribution of these fine young athletes who compete each week not just for their clubs but the honour of higher representative selection. Your magazine can only serve to encourage their efforts.



Frank Arok, Coach,
St George and Australia

KIDS SAY

Thank you for featuring Frank Farina in your magazine. He is my favourite player and one day I hope I might do as well as him. I'm a striker too and when I get the chance I go to the NSL matches in Sydney to watch players like Frank, Marshall Soper, John Kosmina and Kerry Caban.

Adam Martin, 10, Enmore, NSW

WHO IS THAT?

Congratulations on an excellent first publication. You have asked for letters welcoming opinions or suggestions. May I, as a regular spectator to NSL matches in Melbourne (and other cities when away on business), offer a suggestion for consideration in your future monthly editions. It is that the playing lists of each NSL club with their numbers be printed in order to identify lesser-known players, particularly those in teams from interstate, or new recruits. Announcements of teams prior to the match over loud speakers are seldom audible and clubs rarely produce match programmes listing their own and the away team line-up. Not infrequently the most avid supporter has no knowledge of a new face running out on the field for the first time for his team.

My suggestion would help the occasional spectator to NSL matches and provided the clubs co-operate by maintaining the team numbers, your monthly publication would benefit them in similar fashion as the Record does for VFL spectators. Nothing is more exasperating than watching an exciting player at a game and not knowing who he is!

Peter Saninno,
Seaford, VIC.

IMPORTANT IMPORTS

The recent decision by the ASF to relax its restrictions on the importation of overseas players is a welcome one and should greatly benefit Australian soccer. That is only if coaches and clubs use this new luxury in the best way possible. The common practice of searching for players available in the UK isn't the answer — new avenues must be considered. Why not consider looking in places in Europe or Latin America where there are abundant players with skill and flair? These type of players will surely bring the crowds back to the grounds and at the same time raise the standard of Australian soccer.

Currently, our teams play the British-Australian type soccer because the bulk of the players (and coaches) are of Anglo-Celtic descent. Unfortunately, this style isn't favourable with the majority of the soccer public — a great deal of them who are Continentals and Latin Americans. For this important reason, coaches/clubs must search elsewhere for players in the hope that they will lure back the spectators of soccer to the grounds. Ideally, Greek-based clubs (e.g. Sydney Olympic, Hellas, Heidelberg) should look for quality players in Greece; Italian-based clubs for Italian players and so on. If the clubs are prepared to try such a move, so too will the fans who are 'hungry' for skill and flair in our game. Australian soccer can only survive if the crowds attend the matches week after week — which isn't so evident at this stage.

It would be a big thrill for me (and for many others too) to see players of various nationalities playing in the Soccer League. The fans of Sydney Croatia are currently experiencing this thrill. Skill, flair and imported players are ingredients which appeal to the spectators who in turn show their pleasure by turning up in their thousands to watch the games. These crowds which soccer in Australia attracted during the 1960s, which my father regularly reminds/tells me about, can once again be reached. One must remember however that the teams then were largely made up of Continentals — not Anglo-Celtic. Clubs have the freedom to import up to three temporary visa players in one season — by making the correct signings overseas the clubs would surely reap financial benefits. This would lead to larger crowds and the standard of Australian soccer also improve. Soccer needs such a lift so as to make it a major force in Australian sport. Give it a go!

Andrew Mangonis,
Melbourne, VIC.

REFS ARE PEOPLE TOO

I thoroughly enjoyed the first issue of National Soccer Monthly. Keep up the good work. I particularly enjoyed the article about Chris Bambridge. Too often in our sport we treat the ref like a sub-human if we disagree with his decision. Articles like that one serve to remind us that refs are people too — and they have the good of the game at heart.

R. W. Taren Point, NSW

HOME GROWN

Like all Aussie soccer fans I was glad to read in your new magazine that young Tony Dorigo is doing well in the UK, but what a pity these lads have to leave home to get anywhere in the code. I look forward to the day our home grown stars can stay home and earn the fame and fortune they deserve.

A. Smithers, Norwood, SA

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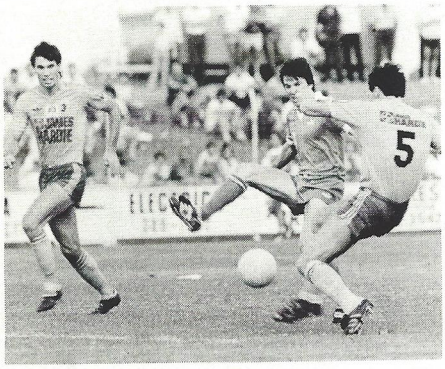
AROUND THE CLUBS

In showbiz they say "Break a leg" as an inverted expression of good luck. But don't dare mention anything similar — particularly around Wollongong and Canberra. The Wolves and Olympians have only recently welcomed back central defenders sidelined by broken legs.

Ray Vliestra (Wolves) and **Peter Burke** (Olympians) were the two hard-luck cases whose lower limbs spent too long modelling as moulds for plaster casts. Burkey, who copped his injury almost immediately after joining Canberra from Newcastle last year, made an uncertain comeback this season. After



Leg-break dept.: Burke (5) v Soper.

playing a few games, he was advised to take a week's rest when his shin showed signs of soreness adjacent to the injury. Unfortunately, for Big Pete, that game was one he'd been looking forward to — the away fixture against Newcastle which finished in a 2-all draw.

After all, Peter was Newcastle's 1983 Player of the Year and one of the principal reasons that club had the best defensive record in the League that year.

As is often the case, Ray suffered his blow during a pre-season friendly game. Just how much Wollongong missed his organising skills can be witnessed by the club's alarming defensive record during the early rounds. With Ray back in the squad, coach **Adrian Alston** is aiming to peg back the Wolves lop-sided for-and-against record.

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Early impressions can often be correct. Take the under-21 Player of the Year awards for example. The honour board since the award's inception in 1977 reveals some pretty illustrious names, most of whom have kicked on to bigger and better things. **John Kosmina** (1977) captains his club and country, **Eddie Krncevic** (1979) (at time of writing being pursued by Sydney Croatia) plays professional soccer in Belgium, **David Mitchell** (1981) just left Glasgow Rangers for a Hong Kong club, **David Lowe** (1982) is playing the best soccer of his career for Marconi and **Oscar Orino** (1983) starred in South Melbourne's 1984 championship side.

Last year's under-21 award winner was **Tony Franken** and he has already scaled the heights of national senior selection and looks like staying there for years to come.

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Just how many of those under-21 winners learned their soccer in Sydney? Trick question — the answer is none. Kosmina and Mitchell came from Adelaide, Krncevic and Crino from Melbourne while **John Spanos** (1980) and Franken were originally Perth products. David Lowe hails from Newcastle and **Ian Souness** (1978) is a former Chelsea (UK) apprentice. Perhaps 1985 will see a Sydney-made player lift the trophy. Not likely, say those justifiably proud of the Brisbane soccer nursery!

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Preston's laudable NSL Cup progress was due in no small part to one of the League's longest serving players and its most prolific goalscorer. **Gary Cole** topped the scoring lists in 1980 and 1981 while with Heidelberg United and his go-for-goal attitude has certainly come in handy since joining Preston. One of the most stirring matches in the NSL Cup was the round two fixture between Heidelberg and Preston. It went to extra time and guess who grabbed the winner? Big Gary, of course. At 29, there is still plenty of soccer and goals left in him.

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The NSL ranks have been graced by some pretty illustrious names from abroad. Bobby Charlton, Graeme Souness, Alan Sunderland, Craig Johnston and Mick Channon are among the UK internationals and first division stars who have flashed their talents in Australia. Add to the list the names of **Kevin Keegan** and **Frank Worthington.**

For the trivia collectors, here are a few gems. Keegan, Souness and Charlton all captained their clubs and countries. All won first division championship medals. Both Charlton and Keegan won FA Cup medals while Souness won three League Cup Medals. Charlton is the only one of the three to hold a World Cup medal but Keegan and Souness both share the honour of having left Liverpool at the height of their careers to play with top European clubs. ■

Just who will prove to be the shrewdest signings of the season?

South Melbourne's championship-winning coach Len McKendry moved wisely to secure GARRY McDOWELL from Footscray to replace Nottingham Forest-bound Alan Davidson. At Sydney City, Eddie Thomson has cause to be pleased with the progress of FRANK FARINA, a bargain of just $8000. ROY COTTON, another bargain signing, returned to St George from Penrith and is scoring goals. Ex-AIS and Doveton striker WARREN SPINK is a valuable addition to the Preston line-up while JIM PATIKAS and ZARKO ODZAKOV, who went for big bucks from Sydney Olympic and Preston, are giving Sydney Croatia tremendous return for the $50,000 spent on the pair.

Nobody is watching the signings scene more closely than the fans of Marconi and Leichhardt. Trade between the two great rivals has been fast and furious with PETER TREDINNICK and IAN GRAY exiting Leichhardt for Bossley Park, and TOMMY McCULLOCH joining ex-Marconi star BERTI MARIANI at Lambert Park.

Tredinnick got off to a brilliant start at Marconi and felt "fitter and more confident than ever" before medial ligament damage sidelined him for a month, causing him to miss the Leichhardt-Marconi derby on April 14.

Not to be outdone, McCulloch settled in at Leichhardt last month by winning man-of-the-match awards from the outset.

The coach who might rate as the smartest shopper of the lot is Green Gully's Bobby McLachlan. His recent foray into the transfer market cost $9000 . . . with which he picked up five players!

Picking Cotton pays for the Saints.

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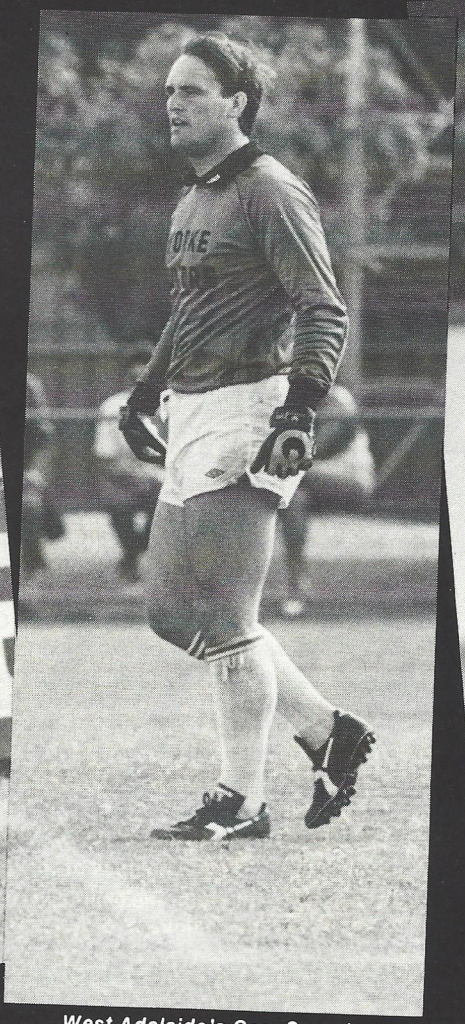
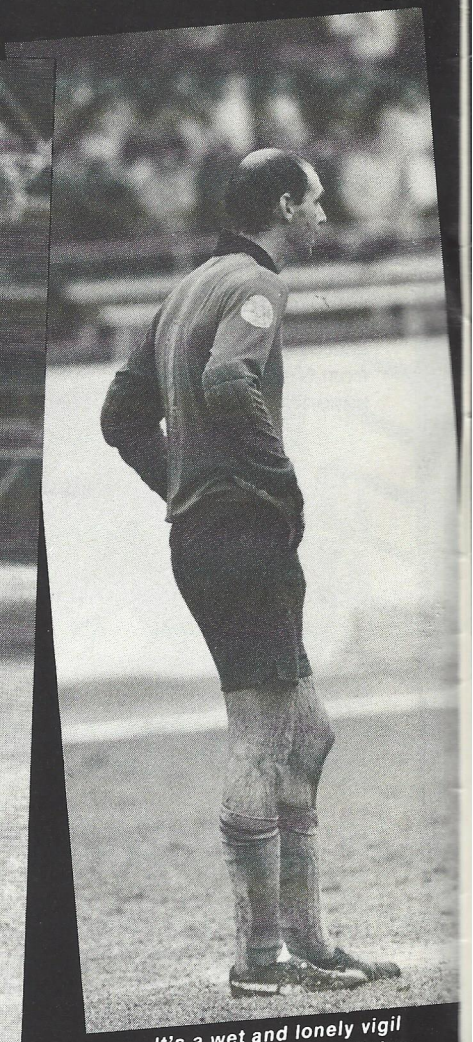
"You don't have to be crazy

Peter Laumets marshalls South Melbourne's defence.



West Adelaide's Gary Sproul.



It's a wet and lonely vigil for Olympic's Gary Meier.

He's more than a defender

says Neil Jameson

Just **how** nuts do you have to be to qualify for a position that earns you the status of hero, fool or not-worth-a-mention?

"Goalkeepers probably don't get enough credit," says Canberra City's Socceroo 'keeper **Tony Franken.** "On-field players can make mistakes but still do enough during the course of the game to compensate. You make one mistake between the posts and it often means your side is sunk."

Those drawbacks aside, Tony reckons the sweeter moments more than outweigh those agonising times when you have to turn around and retrieve that ball from the back of the net.

One man who agrees is Newcastle Rosebud United's **Clint Gosling.**

Believe it or not Clint came into the job almost by accident, after playing much of his junior soccer as a striker. His under 14 junior team was short of a 'keeper and the coach decided to try his striker in goal. Clint enjoyed the job so much that he decided to stick with it. In fact, he stuck so well that he now has five NSL years under his belt and is currently a member of New Zealand's World Cup squad.

"It can be a tough job," admits Clint. "You want your side to play well but that means the 'keeper will have little to do. If your side plays poorly, you get more than enough to do and that results in having to pick the ball out of the back of the net."

It's the old two-edged sword: younger 'keepers get bored by the lack of action but often become discouraged when blamed for letting in goals that stem from other weaknesses in the team.

But, according to the NSL stars, a goalie should never be bored. As the man who plays behind the other ten, he has an idea of how play is developing and can advise his defenders accordingly.

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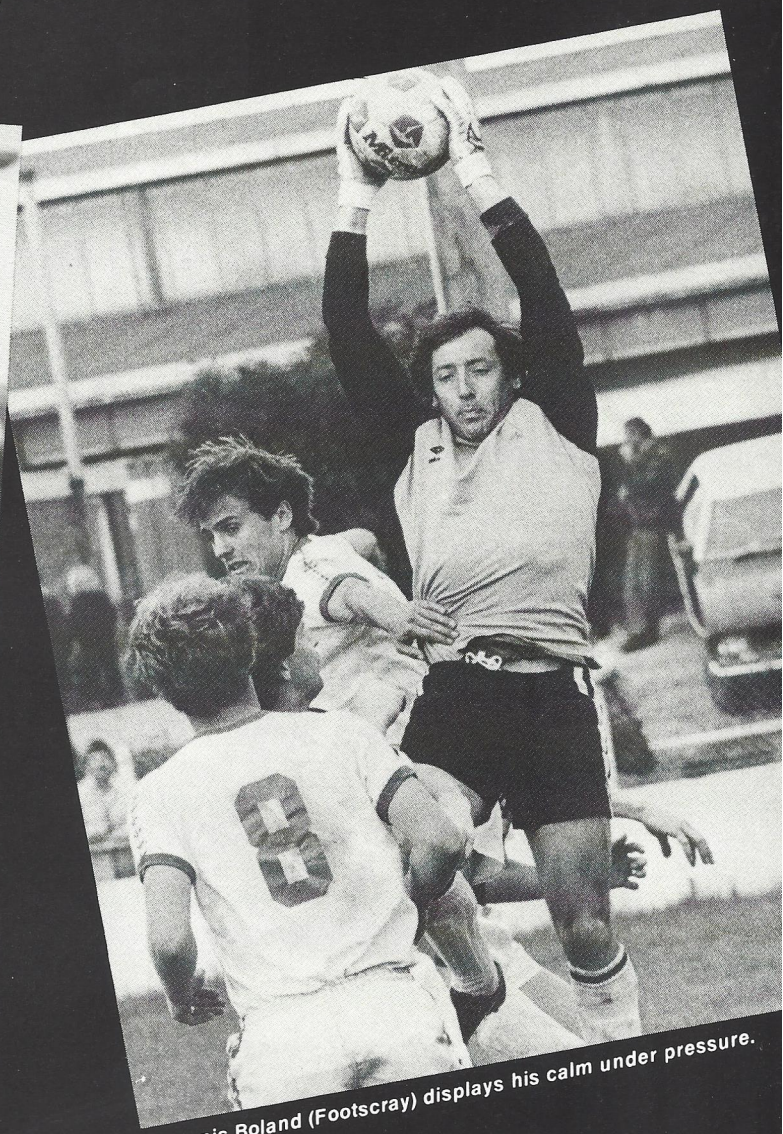
...but it helps!"

Tony Franken beating Sydney Olympic to the punch.



Dennis Boland (Footscray) displays his calm under pressure.

"A goalie must be a good tactician and a clear communicator," says Tony Franken, a young man who received a great start in the business courtesy of his dad who was an Australian Selection representative 'keeper.

"The goalkeeper can see it all and he must take the responsibility of advising his team-mates accordingly."

Despite what other players might say, goalkeeper is the most specialist of positions. Skills learned for on-field play are basically similar whether you're playing at fullback or striker. But many goalkeepers are fair field players too because during training sessions they regularly take part in six-a-side games where all the fundamental soccer skills come into their own.

But it is between the posts that the goalie is required to show all the guile of his craft that sets him apart from the rest.

Although 'keepers need to be fast over a short distance, stamina running is not a natural part of their game. For this and other reasons, goalies enjoy careers that are significantly longer than those of their team-mates.

At a time when their peers are heading for pasture, 'keepers are at their best during their mid 30s when experience, tactical sense, confidence and athleticism all coincide.

Todd Clarke is 34 and still brilliant enough to compete with 24-year-old **Tony Pezzano** for the top job at Sydney City. **Lou Kastner,** who turns 36 this month, is enjoying another boom season between the sticks for Sunshine George Cross while Sydney Olympic's **Gary Meier** — one of the NSL's long-serving goalies — at 29 still has his best years ahead.

Custodians of this calibre come equipped with a safe set of hands and a loud voice to let everybody know just who is boss of the penalty area.

Two players who exude such authority are Sydney Croatia's **Greg Woodhouse,** a young "veteran" at just 25, and St. George's Socceroo star Terry Greedy, 29. These guys regularly reveal one of the real trademarks of the top class 'keeper.

As Clint Gosling explains:

"Goalkeepers who play behind top class defenders often have nothing to

Green Gully's evergreen Lou Denys.

Preston's 19-year-old prodigy Phil Traianedes.

Willie McNally of Adelaide City.

do for 89 minutes of the match; but when that single brilliant save is required, they are on the spot to pull it off."

An analysis of current strength suggests the NSL has never been better off for talented young goalies, most of whom are "home grown".

Blacktown City's spring-heeled hero **Barry Hoare** turns 26 this month, Franken is 20, Heidelberg's **Jeff Olver** is a youthful 24, Penrith City's **Mike Gibson** is 22 while Leichhardt ace **Robert Catlin** is still just 19.

Try telling any of these guys that they're purely defensive players and you'll find yourself in the middle of a quarrel. Modern 'keepers are expected to be the springboard for counter-attacks, using accurate throwing and kicking to launch raids where the opposition is weakest.

Gosling, the ex-striker, helped earn Newcastle a valuable draw last month with a move that started with his quickly-taken free kick. Tony Franken would almost certainly have appreciated the move had he not been the unfortunate man picking the ball out of the net at the other end of the park!

And, if that's not enough, take a look at the goal scoring lists in the NSL Youth League and you'll find mention of A. Pezzano. The Sydney City 'keeper is so confident of his ability to beat his opposite number that he gallops downfield to convert the odd penalty!

Because of the flexibility, athleticism and (of course) courage needed for the job, goalkeepers are usually fine all-round sportsmen. Not surprisingly, some spend their summers in that other "crazy" role — wicketkeeping. Both **Martyn Crook** of West Adelaide and Tony Franken are two NSL stars who rate as experts behind the stumps.

One is the loneliest number

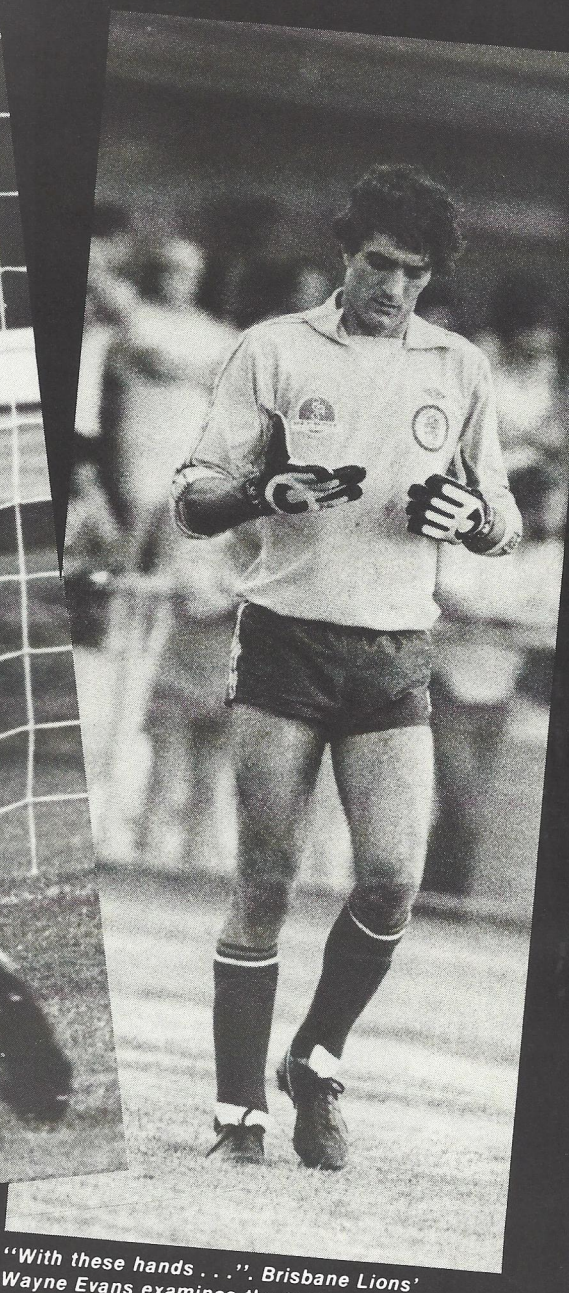
reports Les Shorrock

I have to admit to a secret admiration for goalkeepers, above all other players.

It's probably because I was once one myself, albeit in a modest, unsung way, and I believe it takes one to appreciate one.

That was in the days before Sepp Maier invented wicket-keeping gloves that reach almost to the armpit, and we played with a leather 'case-ball' that almost knocked you breathless if you caught it in the solar plexus on a wet day. Then, if you wore a pair of army surplus woollen gloves you were

Yakka Banovic (Brunswick) in a showdown with South Melbourne striker Charlie Egan.



"With these hands . . .". Brisbane Lions' Wayne Evans examines the tools of his trade.

considered a sissy, and the favourite occupation of centre-forwards, most of them seven feet tall and built like tanks (Nat Lofthouse, Tommy Lawton, Bobby Smith, etc), was charging goalkeepers who had the temerity to catch high balls on their goal-line.

After the deaths of Sunderland's Willie Thorpe and Celtic's John Thompson, the laws were altered slightly in favour of the goalkeeper, but 'keepers still have their problems to this day.

They are the scapegoats when the team loses and they have to suffer all the jibes ('he hates crosses more than Dracula! . . . 'he's like a crocus, comes out once every Autumn' . . . and so on), and while all the other players practise keepie-off or ring-a-ring-a-roses, or whatever else passes for training these days, the poor old keepers have to go off and practise on their own.

It was ever the same, as our old Stoke manager Bob McGrory used to say 'you don't have to be mad . . . but it helps', maintaining the proud tradition that all goalkeepers are daft.

All these thoughts went through my head when I read recently both South Melbourne's Peter Laumets and Heidelberg's Jeff Olver paying a warm tribute to Socceroo great Jack Reilly for his help and influence.

Preston's rising young star Phil Traianedes too has praised his rival New Zealand International Richard Wilson for helping him, despite the fact that a first team place was at stake.

But then, what's surprising about that, only goalkeepers ever help other goalkeepers, because goalies are a race apart.

They rarely get the appreciative word, and how often have you heard critics say, after a goalkeeper has saved his side by stopping a shot at point-blank range . . . 'well that's what he's there for, isn't it?'.

Yet, when those headline-grabbing prima-donnas, the strikers have failed in a crucial cup-tie, and the scores are even after extra-time, who's it all down to? . . . why the poor old goalie of course, and he has to stand there like some live Aunt Sally whilst penalty after penalty is fired at him with all the responsibility of winning or losing a Cup resting solely on his shoulders. So I'd like all the following Southern Division 'keepers to know that when they let in that occasional soft goal, I grieve with them, and when they pull off a blinding save, I'm just as happy for them.

Lou Kastner takes pride of place because he's reaching veteran status, but his presence at the back of the defence has had a lot to do with George Cross' vast improvement this

Courageous or crazy? Gary Meier (Olympic) comes off his line to deny Sydney City's Frank Farina.

Post-buster! Kim Wishart (Brisbane City) about to tackle the woodwork.

season. In the early '70s Lou played five times for Victoria, after coming up through Georgie's junior ranks. Cross gave him a testimonial in 1977 after ten years faithful service, then he played for Keilor, Preston in both the State and National Leagues, and Croydon City before answering John Gardiner's SOS early this year.

Jeff Olver of Heidelberg is most critics' choice as Australia's No 2, and little needs to be added to that assessment. Olver is a local product who came up through Sunshine Heights juniors, Albion Rovers and then the 'Bergers.

Peter Laumets of South Melbourne, Huddersfield-born, started out with Altona City, went to Preston, then in the State League, before transferring to South for the then gigantic fee for a goalkeeper of $15,000. That was in 1979 but despite the fee and having played for Australia against Greece the year before he had to fight for his place against John Hansen. But for the last four years he has been well-established as South's No 1.

Lou Denys of Green Gully, is best summed up by his coach Bob McLachlan, who calls him 'Mr Dependable'. Most of us think he is the most under-rated 'keeper in the country. He joined Green Gully from Metro League St. Albans in 1977 and has played 184 State and National League games for the Greens.

Yakka Banovic of Juventus has had the most colourful career of all Australian goalkeepers. Born in Yugoslavia, he switched from Aussie Rules to play for Whyalla Croatia, then it was Adelaide Croatia, a short stint in Canada with Toronto Metro Croatia, before joining the then Essendon Croatia for $5000. That was early in the 1978 State League, but after one season with Essendon, Banovic went to Heidelberg for $15,000 and another goalkeeper, Peter Blasby. He played six times for Australia in 1980, but the globe-trotting bug bit again, and this time he moved to English Second Division club Derby County for $40,000. After serving a twelve-month 'apprenticeship' in Derby's reserves, Banovic finally made it into the first team, playing 35 games in '82 and '83 before losing his place to English Under 23 International Steve Cherry. Last year he came back to Melbourne Croatia before transferring this year to Juventus.

Phil Traianedes of Preston is in his first National League season and is only 19 years old, but he is playing so well that he is not only keeping NZ International Richard Wilson on the bench, but pundits outside Melbourne are already referring to him as a future Socceroo! It's been a rapid rise for the boy who was with Metro Second Division League club Waverley City until the end of 1983.

Zeljko Govic of Melbourne Croatia, who arrived from Yugoslavia only this year, has a big job on his hands, following such capable 'keepers as Peter Blasby and Yakka Banovic, but he's settling in all right, and at 24 has time on his side.

Wayne Evans of Brisbane Lions, Sydney-born, started off as a striker with Guildford Juniors, but switched to goalkeeping twelve years ago when he was 13 years old and has been a 'keeper ever since. Previous coach Harry Noon brought him to Lions from Blacktown United of Sydney for $1200 in 1984.

Kim Wishart the Ipswich-born heavyweight seems to have been a Brisbane City regular so long it's surprising to learn that he's only 28! Came frm St. Helens in 1977 when Osvaldo Borzi was City's first choice and has been the No 1 since 1978.

Gary Sproul of West Adelaide, is 27 and English-born. He started his career with Charlton Athletic, then went to West Ham where he played twice in the first team and 52 times in the reserves.

Willie McNally of Adelaide City is Irish-born and has already played for Australia . . . at Gaelic Football! His first club was Azzurri of Perth and he was brought over to City by previous coach Bob D'Ottavia.

Dennis Boland of Footscray is back with the Blues again, in their hour of need, for the third time. A very experienced 'keeper, whose reflex saves sometimes border on the miraculous, Boland has been the Blues' first choice ever since the National league started, in 1977. Started his career with Albion Rovers, then had a stint with Yomiuri in Japan before coming back to Melbourne. ■

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THE GREENING

Les Shorrock reports on a soccer paradise blooming in outer Melbourne.

Probably more than any other club in the League, Green Gully is the place where the club members can point with pride to the facilities and say "I helped build that".

For, ever since the day the club was founded in 1955 as a junior body, on the site of the old Keilor tip, it has always been the policy of the members to improve not only the status of the club, but its facilities as well, so that now, 30 years later, Green Gully has some of the best facilities in the land.

Where there was once one pitch, with no embankments and just a pipe rail surround, there are now five pitches, two of them full-sized and top-grade, and tennis courts occupy the original pitch.

The tin shed that used to serve as a dressing room for four teams on match days and then double afterwards as the social club has long gone to be replaced by a luxuriously appointed air-conditioned club that seats 300 in comfort. Now the main ground is embanked, the large canteen is topped by the best VIP room-cum-press box in Victoria.

The miracle of it all is that all this has been accomplished without the club ever going into debt. It's not the Gully style to go cap-in-hand to the bank, instead, when anything has to be altered or built, or improved, it's the members who do it.

The refreshing aspect of it all is that even though the club has gone up-market and now graces the top League in the land, the attitude still remains the same.

For instance when I visited the club to gather material for this feature, I had to wait a while to see club president Guy Spiteri because he was busy painting the ladies toilets, so I stood and watched two senior committeemen digging a trench under the supervision of an electrician-member who was installing the floodlighting. That wasn't an isolated case, either. Any time you visit the Gully, summer or winter, if there isn't a match on, members are painting, or hammering, or pouring concrete or whatever . . . it's DIY on a grand scale.

It isn't misplaced zeal either. Accompanying all this frenetic off-field activity has been success unequalled by any other club with such a short history. After the club gained admission to the Federation in 1956, it was promoted from the Fourth Division in 1964, promoted to the Second Division in 1966, won the Second Division championship in 1971, and won the championship of the Metro First Division in 1976, and thus entered the State League.

The club wasn't long in making its mark in the State League either. In 1979 it won the Ampol Cup, in 1981 it did the treble of League championship, Dockerty Cup and Ampol Cup, repeated the feat the following year by winning the championship, the Dockerty Cup and the State League Cup, and in 1983 made it a hat-trick of championships, and won the Ampol Cup again. In 1984 it was one of the eight State League clubs in the country to join the re-vamped National League, having accumulated enough silverware in five years to fill a trophy cupboard almost as big as that original tin shed.

"It always gives me a thrill to walk into the club, even on training nights," says manager-coach Bob McLachlan, "because in my two spells here I've seen so much put into the club by the members, and the players and I know that everyone here is 100 percent behind us. Our members are all genuine working people, who earn their money the hard way, so I'm a bargain basement shopper when it comes to picking up players.

"We've done awfully well too, to sign five players who've gone into our first team straight away at a cost of only $9000 for the lot."

McLachlan was coach for three years, between '80 and '82, then left for an 18-month spell at Footscray.

Midway through last season, with Gully struggling second-bottom in the NSL, Gully sacked coach Jim Rooney and turned once again to McLachlan.

"Last year was establishment year," he says, "and it came as a jolt to a club that had known nothing but success when it found itself staving off the then threat of relegation. But the club survived, in fact we finished ninth.

"Now we are going through the rebuilding period that occurs regularly at any club that wants to progress, be it Liverpool or your local team.

"It's easy enough to buy success if you have unlimited resources. It's a different matter with us, we have to earn our success, that's why I'm proud of the players I have, they are all loyal, and I'm thrilled that we've picked up half a team for less than some clubs pay for one player."

Lou Denys

Mr Dependable . . . one of the most underrated 'keepers in the country. He is unassuming and shy, but so thoroughly professional in everything he does.

Jim Murray

We paid Canberra Olympians $2000 for this stalwart defender, and he could yet prove to be the buy of the season. Not only is he a fine player, but he has the right attitude, and is a pleasure to work with.

Andrew Young

Everything I've said about Jim Murray applies equally to Andy, his Canberra 'twin'. The attitude of these two gentlemen is a refreshing change from that of so many younger players today.

Dave Hogben

Dave's rise from our junior ranks to being a valuable first-team player is a credit not only to the player but to his parents too, who have always been very supportive. He'll be back from a severe ligament injury in two or three weeks time, and he has been sorely missed.

Stuart Cannell

Stuart was a great buy from Altona City three years ago, and he is well on his way to establishing himself as one of the best centre-halves in the country. When we beat Sydney City in the National Cup recently he didn't allow John Kosmina a sniff at the ball and really impressed National Coach Frank Arok.

Steve McLelland

Steve played for Motherwell in the Scottish Premier League and we thought he

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OF THE GULLY

was going to be a great acquisition when he arrived last year, but he had the worst possible luck, breaking his leg against George Cross after only a quarter of an hour in his very first game. It has taken him a long time to get back.

Andy McKenna

Andy played for Scottish club Kilwinning and was highly recommended to us by his uncle, Dave McCullough, the ex-Altona City striker. Given a little time he is sure to establish himself.

Willie Vassallo

Maltese International Willie Vassallo ranks along with Lou Denys as our best clubman. Even at 36 it's still hard to leave him out, and his experience is a great help to younger players who would do well to take a leaf out of Willie's book.

Ken Smart

Ken is a good example of a player stepping up in class and lifting his game accordingly. At Albion he was a dead-set winger, but he has been a revelation since I shifted him to the right midfield. Despite his 'Paisley tan', he's stronger than he looks and he seems tireless as the game wears on.

Dave Smallman

Dave, who played for Wrexham, Everton and Wales came to us a migrant, for nothing, and has become a great asset with his depth of experience. After a slight disagreement with the club last year he's back this year giving me 100 percent.

Jimmy Williams

Jimmy cost $4000 from Heidelberg four years ago and after all that time I can't tell you what his best position is. He is one of the game's deepest thinkers, runs for ever up and down the left flank, but can play anywhere if you are stuck.

Kevin Lloyd

Wolverhampton-born Mr Everjoyful, one of the keenest types in the club and a real work-horse. After a couple of stints with Albion Rovers and Juventus he has really found his niche with us. Whatever position you pick him for he gives you everything and on or off the field his attitude is like a breath of fresh air.

Claude Lucchesi

One of a dying breed, I'm sorry to say. Everything Claude does is pure class. He cost $5000 from Preston (a real big payout in our terms), but worth every cent.

Les Carter

England Youth International is another classy player and a lovely lad to have around the club. He severely injured his knee in a silly pre-season 'friendly' tournament and it looks as if we will be without him all year and he is very badly missed.

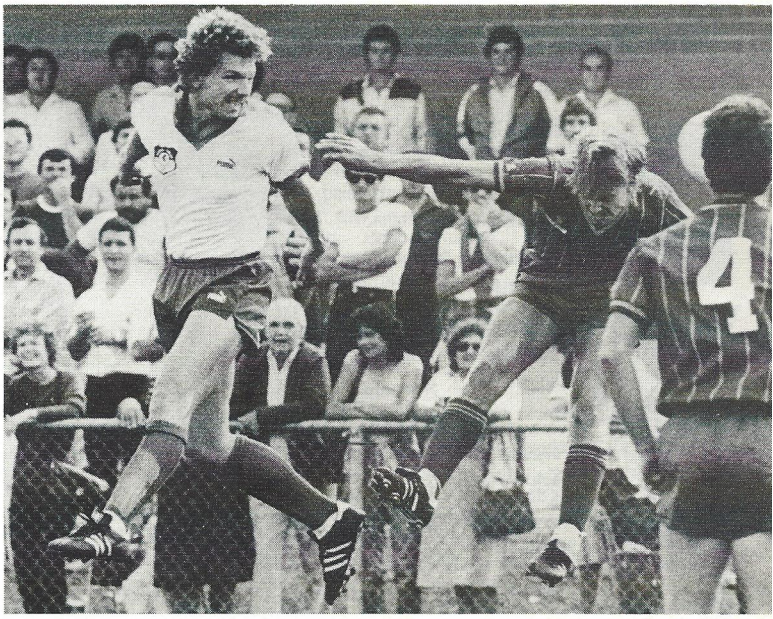
Robert Krajicic

This young, thoughtful and very composed sweeper came very cheap from Heidelberg and he is one player who is going to figure largely in our future plans.

Paul Lewis

I've left 'Roy of the Rovers' to the last because he's something special. Paul is an out and out striker, who once kept Ian Rush out of Chester's reserves. In his last two games in the reserves there he scored 13 goals and here was a lot of misgivings when they let him go on a free. Goals are Paul's business and he has scored 70 since he played his first game in July '81. He topped the State League goalscoring with 31 goals and also won the Bill Flemming Medal in 1983.

Gully's Steve McLelland gets there first before Preston's Steve Smith.



Green Gully grit. Stuart Cannell portrays the club's fighting qualities.

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STAR SPOT

Full name: Jeff Olver.

Birthplace and date: Melbourne, 25/12/60.

Height and weight: 6' 1", 13 st.

Home: Altona

Car: Holden Commodore.

Previous clubs: Sunshine Heights, Albion Rovers.

Nickname: Walrus.

Team you supported as a boy: Arsenal.

Football heroes of childhood: Gordon Banks and Peter Shilton.

Most memorable match: 1980 Top Four Final.

Biggest thrill: When Heidelberg won the Buffalo Cup Final.

Biggest disappointment: Being overlooked for Australia.

Superstitions: Only that I like to stick to the same routine.

Honours: Aust 'B' v Iraklis and Youth Squad v Glasgow Rangers.

Favourite other sports persons: Jack Nicklaus.

Favourite other sport: Golf, tennis.

Hobbies: Playing sport.

Favourite actor or actress: Clint Eastwood, Meryl Streep.

Favourite T.V. show: Dallas.

Favourite musician: Jimmy Barnes.

Biggest influence on career: Dad and Jack Reilly (1974 soccer goalkeeper).

Favourite current players: Charlie Yankos, Steve Blair.

Ambitions for 1985: Help Heidelberg win the League.

Long term ambitions: To be picked for Australia. Play in World Cup.

AFter soccer career is over: Stay happily married to Helen.

JEFF OLVER

HEIDELBERG UNITED

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SCORES & TABLES

ROUND 4

Northern Division

30th March

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(1) 4
Hristovski, Kotamanidis, Giannone, Brodnik
INTER MONARO.....(1) 2
Thamnidis, Dragecevic
Wollongong Showground — 837

Wollongong City: Vardareff, Green, Condron, Dickson Hristovski, Kerr, Godzik, Bundalo, Willis, Kotamanidis (Brodnik), Giannone

Inter Monaro: Hocking, Walsh, Gagetti, Santolin, Titilas, C. Ambrosino, Carbone, Budini, Thamnidis, Dragecevic, Willox.

31st March

SYDNEY CROATOA.....(0) 2
M. Kovacic, Arnold
SYDNEY CITY.....(0) 0
King Tomislav Stadium — 870

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, M. Kovacic, Basic, Rezo (A. Kovacic), Rozic, Vidaic, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Patikas (Tomasic), Odzakov.

Sydney City: Pezzano, Cant, Robertson, O'Connor, Gomez, Kay, Watson, Barnes, Farina, Kosmina, Lee.

LEICHHARDT.....(1) 1
Caban
PENRITH CITY.....(0) 0
Lambert Park — 1,249

Leichhardt: Catlin, Spina, Brown, Mariani, Rowden, Butler, Colagiuri, McCulloch, Caban (Cassachia), De Ceglie, Morsello (Genovese).

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Ainsworth, McIntosh, Wotherspoon, Campbell, Hebb (Hunter), Easthorpe, Toohey, Licata.

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(1) 1
Wheatley
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 0
Gabbie Stadium — 2,409

Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern, Rasmussen (Knight), Wheatley, Pointer, Selvage, Thornthwaite, Bourke, Bradley, Larkin (Bottalico), O'Connor.

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Johnston, Jennings, Ziras, Lampropoulos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Patalis (Svinos), Theodorakopoulos (Soper), Katholos, Kalantzis.

CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 1
Byrne
MARCONI.....(1) 1
Lowe
Manuka Oval — 1,093

Canberra City: Franken, Ontong, Jones, Mihailidis, Burke (Lamond), Byrne, Harkins, Sermanni, Perinovic (Gibson), Bryant, English.

Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Driene, Jankovics (Gunning), Tredinnick (Reid).

ST. GEORGE.....(2) 3
Koczka (2), Cotton
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 0
St. George Stadium — 1,106

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Koczka, Barton, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Cotton (Marton), J. O'Shea, Bozanic (Petkovski).

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Owens, Boogaard, M. Jones, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Kerby, D. Jones, Brandt, Milosevic (Stewart).

ROUND 4

Southern Division

31st March

FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 0
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(1) 2
Ward, Cumming
Schintler Reserve — 2,514

Footscray: Boland, Stojcevski, Karic, Kyriakouleas, Kondarios (Vagias), O'Donnell (Carroll), Taseski, Tapai, Lazopoulos, Stojilovic, Lujic.

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Curcio (Cristaldo), Parton, House, Hannah, Antolovic, Deankovic, Biskic, Gojevic, Ward, Cumming (Jurcic).

HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(0) 2
Patterson, Stevenson
BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 0
Olympic Village — 1,019

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Marley, Angele, Gabrielson, Valentine, Selemidis, Tasios, Winn, Stevenson, Patterson.

Brisbane City: Wishart, Fabrizio, Bromfield, Wilkinson, Milovanovic, Junna, Hodgson, Mengotti, Scriggins (Felsch), Hamilton, Reis (Glockner).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(1) 1
Latif
WEST ADELAIDE.....(0) 0
Chaplin Reserve — 1,203

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Campelj, Taylor, Bennett, Richardson, McLaren, Faulkner, Bain, Mitten, Gilder, Latif.

West Adelaide: Sproul, Atsalas, Brown, Hiern, Honeyman, Konstandopoulos, McGregor, Genikas (Moutsoulis), Manou, Panagis, Stamatelopoulos (Matiscsak).

ADELAIDE CITY.....(0) 1
Maxwell
GREEN GULLY.....(0) 1
Smallman
Hindmarsh Stadium — 1,023

Adelaide City: McNally, Donnelly, Cecere, Flounders, Nyskohus, Maxwell, Villani, Santrac, Mullen, Costanzo, Rankin.

Green Gully: Denys, Vassallo, McLelland, Murray, Cannell, Smart, Lewis, Lucchesi, Lloyd, Smallman, Williams (Krajacic).

BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 1
Cairney
PRESTON.....(0) 2
Spink, Smith
Richlands — 716

Brisbane Lions: Evans, Jackson, Vasquez, Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, McDonagh, Cairney, McGregor (Anderson).

Preston: Triainedes, Opasinis, McMillan, Ilioski (Heys), Dobson, Dunn, Cole, Flavell, Lane, Smith, Spink.

BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(2) 2
Incantalupo, Zinni
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1) 2
Egan (2)
Olympic Park No. 2 — 3,755

Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Incantalupo, Lewis, Brown, Campbell, Wade, Cullen, Petersen (Miranda), Sweeney, Dowie, Zinni.

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, Yzendoorn, Halford, McDowell, Crino, Egan, Brown, Murphy.

ROUND 5

Northern Division

6th April

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 2
Brandt, D. Jones
CANBERRA CITY.....(2) 2
Harkins, Phillips
Adamstown Oval — 1,988

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Boogaard, Owens, Thompson, Senkalski, Kerby (Mason), McQuarrie, Brandt, D. Jones, Stewart.

Canberra City: Franken, Ontong, Jones, Mihailidis, Harkins, Byrne, Phillips, Sermanni, Lamond, Bryant, Gibson.

7th April

PENRITH CITY.....(0) 3
Hunter, Ainsworth, Easthorpe
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 0
Cook Park — 357

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Ainsworth, McIntosh, Hebb (Hunter), Campbell, Toohey, Wotherspoon, Jackson, Licata (Easthorpe).

Wollongong City: Vardareff, Green, Condron (Brodnik), Willis, Dickson, Bundalo, Hristovski, Kerr, Godzik, Kotamanidis, Giannone.

INTER MONARO.....(0) 2
Brennan, Dragecevic
SYDNEY CITY.....(2) 3
Gomez (2), Barnes
Seiffert Oval — 965

Inter Monaro: Hocking, Budini, Gagetti, Santolin, Titilas, Willox (Brennan), Carbone, Dragicevic, Giampaolo, Valeri (C. Ambrosino), Thamnidis.

Sydney City: Pezzano, Cant, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny, Kay (Barnes), Watson, Gomez, Farina (Rodrigues), Kosmina, Lee.

MARCONI.....(1) 2
Brown, Bottalico (O.G.)
BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0) 1
Bottalico
Marconi Stadium — 1,639

Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Calderan, Mason (Reid), Gray, Lowe, Brown, Driene, Gunning (Genc).

Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern, Bourke, Wheatley, Pointer, Selvage, Knight, Thornthwaite, Bradley, Larkin (Bottalico), O'Connor.

ST. GEORGE.....(1) 1
Cotton
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1) 3
Arnold, Vidaic, Patikas
St. George Stadium — 5,469

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Koczka, Green (Marton), Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Cotton (Barton), J. O'Shea, Bozanic.

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, M. Kovacic, Basic, Rezo, Rozic, Vidaic, Jurin (A. Kovacic), Savor, Arnold, Patikas (Tomasic), Odzakov.

8th April

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1) 2
Phillips, Soper
LEICHHARDT.....(0) 1
Morsello
Pratten Park — 6,888

Sydney Olympic: Londos, Johnston (Kalantzis), Jennings, Svinos, Lampropoulos, Philips, Raskopoulos, Soper, Theodorakopoulos, Katholos, Koussas.

Leichhardt: Catlin, Spina, Brown, Rowden, Bertogna, Butler, Hamilton (Mariani), McCulloch, Caban, De Ceglie (Colagiuri), Morsello.

ROUND 5

Southern Division

7th April

WEST ADELAIDE.....(0) 1
Konstandopoulos
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(1) 1
Tasios

Hindmarsh Stadium — 2,258

West Adelaide: Sproul, McGregor, Hiern, Brown, Scott, Panagis (Genikas), Atsalas, Manou, Konstandopoulos, Price, Matiscsak (Mousoulis).

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Marley, Angele, Valentine, Selemidis, Tasios, Stevenson, Winn, Patterson, Yankos.

BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 1
Bromfield
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 1
Ward

Spencer Park — 1,418

Brisbane City: Wishart, Mengotti, Milovanovic, Wilkinson, Bromfield, Junna (Chapman), Hamilton, Fabrizio, Carey (Scriggins), Glockner, Reis.

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Curcio, Parton (Jurcic), Hannah, Antolovic, Deankovic, Biskic, Gojevic, Ward, Cumming, House (Christaldo).

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0) 0
BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 0

Middle Park — 3,545

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, Yzendoorn, Halford, McDowell, Crino, Brown, Murphy, Egan.

Brisbane Lions: Evans, Jackson, T. Redmond, Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Wright, Cairney, Anderson (McGregor), Tonner.

PRESTON.....(0) 4
Spink, Cole, Ilioski, Smith
ADELAIDE CITY.....(1) 2
Villani, Rankin

Connor Reserve — 1,987

Preston: Traianides, Opasinis, McMillan, Dobson, Dunn, Flavell (Heys), Ilioski, Cole, Lane, Smith, Spink.

Adelaide City: McNally, Donnelly, Santrac, Nyskohus, Flounders, Cecere, Northcote, Mullen, Villani, Maxwell, Rankin.

GREEN GULLY.....(0) 1
Lewis
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 1
Toal

Green Gully — 2,502

Green Gully: Denys, McLelland, Cannell, Young, Murray (McKenna), Smart, Vassallo, Lloyd, Williams, Lewis, Lucchesi.

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Taylor, Campelj, Richardson, Scerri, Bennett, McLaren, Faulkner, McGorian, Gilder, Toal.

8th April

BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(2) 3
Petersen, Cullen, Incantalupo
FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 2
Tapai, Stojilovic

Olympic Park No. 1 — 1,753

Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Peterson, Lewis, Brown, Incantalupo, Wade, Cullen, Campbell, Sweeney, Dowie, Zinni.

Footscray: Boland, Petrov, Karic, Kyriakouleas, Belic, O'Donnell, Tapai, Taseski, Lazopoulos, Stojilovic (Perez, Raigoza), Lujic.

ROUND 6

Northern Division

14th April

SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1) 2
Odzakov, Patikas
INTER MONARO.....(0) 0

King Tomislav Stadium — 4,738

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, Basic, Vidaic, Rozic, Rezo, M. Kovacic, Odzakov, Savor, Jurin (Tomasic), Arnold, Patikas.

Inter Monaro: Hocking, Budini, Santolin, Titilas, Gagetti (Giampaolo), C. Ambrosino, Carbone, Walsh, Brennan (Monterosso), Willox, Thamnides.

SYDNEY CITY.....(0) 0
PENRITH CITY.....(0) 1
Hunter

Sydney Athletic Field — 1,095

Sydney City: Pezzano, Cant, Robertson, Gomez, De Marigny, Watson, Kay (Fletcher), Barnes, Farina, Kosmina, Lee (Rodrigues).

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, McIntosh, Ainsworth, Toohey, Cross, Wotherspoon, Campbell, Hunter, Jackson, Licata.

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 1
Giannone
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1) 2
Svinos, Kalantzis

Wollongong Showground — 1,284

Wollongong City: Vardareff, Green, Willis, Dickson, Condron, Bundalo, Kerr, Hristovski, Godzik, Kotamanidis (Welbourn), Giannone.

Sydney Olympic: Londos, Johnston, Theodorakopoulos (Kalantzis), Lampropoulos, Jennings, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Katholos, Koussas, Soper, Svinos (Polias).

LEICHHARDT.....(2) 4
McCulloch, Caban, Colagiuri (2)
MARCONI.....(1) 1
Jankovics

Lambert Park — 2,182

Leichhardt: Catlin, Spina (Cassachia), Mariani, Rowden, Brown, McCulloch, Bertogna, De Ceglie, Colagiuri, Caban, Morsello (Genovese).

Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Sterrey, Gray, Mason (Driene), Gunning, Brown, Jankovics (Reid), Lowe.

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(1) 4
Wheatley, O'Connor, Larkin, McKie
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 0

Gabbie Stadium — 690

Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern, Wheatley, Daley, Bourke, Selvage, Thornthwaite, Knight, Bradley (O'Connor), McKie, Larkin.

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Boogaard, Owens, Thompson, Senkalski, McQuarrie, Kerby (Mason), Stewart, Todd, D. Jones.

CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 0
ST. GEORGE.....(0) 1
J. O'Shea

National Sports Centre — 1,016

Canberra City: Economopoulos, Ontong, Harkins, Byrne, Jones, Bryant, Mihailidis (Burke), Sermanni, Phillips, English, Gibson (Lamond).

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Green, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Stone, J. O'Shea, Bozanic (Ricoy), Slater, Koczka, Petkovski (Marton).

ROUND 6

Southern Division

14th April

FOOTSCRAY.....(1) 1
Lazopoulos
BRISBANE CITY.....(2) 3
Hamilton, Fabrizio, Mengotti

Schintler Reserve — 757

Footscray: Boland, Curovic (Stojilovic), Macleod, Kyriakouleas, Lujic, Tasevski (Belic), Karic, O'Donnell, Lazopoulos, Carroll, Tapai.

Brisbane City: Wishart, Mengotti, Milovanovic, Wilkinson, Bromfield, Fabrizio (Junna), Hamilton, Chapman, Reis, Glockner (Scriggins), Carey.

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 0
WEST ADELAIDE.....(0) 0

Olympic Park No. 1 — 1,209

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Curcio, Antolovic, Parton (Campbell), Hannah, Deankovic, Gojevic, Cumming, Biskic, Ward, Ljubic (Markovac).

West Adelaide: Sproul, Hiern, Brown, Honeyman, McGregor, Moutsoulis, Atsalas, Manou, Scott, Konstandopoulos, Price.

HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(1) 1
Winn
GREEN GULLY.....(2) 3
Campbell, Yankos (O.G.), Lewis

Olympic Sports Village — 1,293

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Yankos, Angele, Marley, Selemidis, Tasios (Gabrielson), Valentine, Winn, Stevenson, Patterson (Metaxas).

Green Gully: Denys, Young, McLelland, Williams, Murray, Smart, Lloyd, Vassallo, Campbell, Lucchesi, Lewis (Smallman).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(1) 2
Latif (2)
PRESTON.....(2) 2
Smith, Cole

Chaplin Reserve — 4,109

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Taylor, Richardson, Bennett, Campelj, Bain, Faulkner, McLaren, Mitten, Gilder, Latif.

Preston: Traianides, McMillan, Dunn, Dobson, Opasinis, Ilioski, Flavell, Lane (Heys), Spink, Smith, Cole.

ADELAIDE CITY.....(2) 2
Villani (2)
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1) 2
Blair, McDowell

Hindmarsh Stadium — 642

Adelaide City: McNally, Donnelly, Flounders, Nyskohus, Cecere, Santrac, Northcote, Villani, Maxwell, Mullen, Rankin.

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Yzendoorn, Postecoglou, Halford, McDowell, Crino, Murphy, Egan, Brown.

BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) (0)
BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(0) 0

Richlands Stadium — 554

Brisbane Lions: Evans, McSkimming, Hunter, Vasquez, T. Redmond, Bassingthwaite, J. Stewart, Ogden, Anderson, Wright (Tonner), McGregor.

Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Dowie, Brown, Campbell, Wade, Peterson, Incantalupo, Cullen, Sweeney (Miranda), Zinni.

ROUND 7

Northern Division

20th April

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 2
Stewart, Senkalski
LEICHHARDT.....(1) 1
Colagiuri

Adamstown Oval — 1,079

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Thompson, Boogaard, Owens, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Todd, Stewart, Kerby.

Leichhardt: Catlin, Spina, Brown, Bertogna, Mariani, Butler, Colagiuri, McCulloch, Caban (Hamilton), Rowden, Morsello (Genovese).

21st April

ST. GEORGE.....(0) 1
Petkovski
BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0) 1
Selvage

St. George Stadium — 1,020

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, M. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Green, Bozanic, (Ricoy), Stone, J. O'Shea, Slater, Koczka (Marton), Petkovski.

Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern, Pointer, Wheatley, Bourke, Selvage, Bradley, Thornthwaite, Larkin (Knight), McKie, O'Connor.

CANBERRA CITY.....(1) 2
Bryant, Dunn
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1) 4
Patikas (2), M. Kovacic, Jurin

National Sports Centre — 3,345

Canberra City: Franken, Ontong, Jones, Byrne, Harkins, Sermanni, Dunn (Farrell), Bryant, Lamond, English, Phillips.

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, M. Kovacic, Basic, Rezo, Rozic, Tomasic, Jurin, Odzakov, Clinch (Caletta), Arnold, Patikas (A. Kovacic).

MARCONI.....(1) 6
Brown (3), Henderson, Lowe, Gray
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 1
Dickson

Marconi Stadium — 1,135

Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics, Tredinnick.

Wollongong City: Billington, Green (Brodnick), Condron, Dickson, Willis, Kerr, Bundalo, Godzik, Kotamanidis, Hristovski, Giannone.

SYDNEY CITY.....(1) 2
Lee, Watson
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 1
Raskopoulos

Sydney Athletic Field — 5,430

Sydney City: Pezzano, Rodrigues, Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Watson, Barnes, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee.

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Svinos (Polias), Lampropoulos, Rogers, Jennings, Raskopoulos, Phillips, Katholos (Johnston), Soper, Koussas, Kalantzis.

PENRITH CITY.....(1) 3
Jackson, Licata, Easthorpe
INTER MONARO.....(2) 4
Giampaolo (2), Thamnidis, Dragicevic

Cook Park — 311

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Toohey, Ainsworth, McIntosh, Wotherspoon, Campbell (Hebb), Cross, Hunter (Easthorpe), Jackson, Licata.

Inter Monaro: Hocking, Walsh, Budini (Gagetti), Santolin, Dachs, C. Ambrosino, Carbone, Willox, Dragicevic, Giampaolo, Thamnidis.

NORTHERN DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Syd. Croatia**	7	5	1	1	17	9	11
2. **Syd. City**	7	5	0	2	17	9	10
3. **Marconi**	7	3	3	1	16	12	9
4. **Blacktown**	7	4	1	2	10	6	9
5. **Leichhardt**	7	4	0	3	14	11	8
6. **Syd. Olympic**	7	4	0	3	7	6	8
7. **Canberra City**	7	2	3	2	11	10	7
8. **Penrith City**	7	2	2	3	9	8	6
9. **St. George**	7	2	2	3	6	6	6
10. **Newcastle**	7	1	2	4	7	15	4
11. **Wollongong**	7	2	0	5	12	23	4
12. **Inter Monaro**	7	1	0	6	8	19	2

Southern Division

21st April

BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(1) 3
Zinni (3)
ADELAIDE CITY.....(0) 1
Rankin

Olympic Park No. 2 — 1,129

Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Campbell, Petersen, Brown, Incantalupo, Wade, Cullen, Miranda, Sweeney, Dowie, Zinni.

Adelaide City: McNally, Donnelly, Santrac, Nyskohus, Cecere, Melta, Northcote, Villani, Mullen (Costanza), Maxwell, Rankin.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(2) 2
Egan, McDowell
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 1
Latif

Middle Park — 4,971

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, Yzendoorn, Halford, McDowell, Crino, Egan, Brown, Murphy.

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Campelj, Taylor, Bennett, Richardson, Faulkner, Bain, Mitten, Gilder, McLaren (Lennon), Latif.

BRISBANE LIONS.....(1) 1
Anderson
FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 0

Richlands Stadium — 535

Brisbane Lions: Evans, Jackson, T. Redmond, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Anderson, Wright, Cairney.

Footscray: Boland, Kyriakouleas, Macleod, Karic, O'Donnell, Belic, Tasevski, Lazopoulas (Stojilovic), Tapai, Carroll, Lujic.

PRESTON.....(1) 1
Smith
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(2) 4
Stevenson (3), Yankos

Connor Reserve — 3,049

Preston: Traianedes, Opasinos, McMillan, Ilioski, Dobson, Dunn, Heys, Flavell, Cole, Smith, Spink.

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Marley, Angele, Christopoulos, Valentine, Selemidis, Stevenson, Winn, Yankos, Patterson.

GREEN GULLY.....(0) 0
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 0

Green Gully — 3,126

Green Gully: Denys, Young, McLelland, Williams, Murray (Hogben), Smart, Lloyd, Vassallo, Campbell, Lucchesi, Smallman.

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, Curcio, Parton, Hannah, Biskic, Antolovic, Cumming, Markovac, Ward (House), Gojevic.

WEST ADELAIDE.....(1) 1
Price
BRISBANE CITY.....(1) 3
Carey, Mengotti, Reis

Hindmarsh Stadium — 2,308

West Adelaide: Crook, McGregor, Honeyman, Brown, Hiern, Manou, Atsalas, Stamatelopoulos (Panagis), Price, Scott, Konstandopoulos.

Brisbane City: Wishart, Fabrizio, Bromfield, Wilkinson, Junna, Glockner (Lettieri), Mengotti, Carey (Scriggins), Reis, Hamilton, Milovanovic.

SOUTHERN DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **South Melb.**	7	4	3	0	13	8	11
2. **H'berg Utd.**	7	4	2	1	14	6	10
3. **Melb. Croatia**	7	3	3	1	9	3	9
4. **Brunswick U.J.**	7	3	3	1	10	7	9
5. **Brisbane Lions**	7	3	2	2	5	4	8
6. **Preston**	7	3	2	2	11	11	8
7. **Green Gully**	7	2	3	2	9	7	7
8. **Sunshine G.C.**	7	2	3	2	6	7	7
9. **Brisbane City**	7	2	2	3	8	9	6
10. **West Adelaide**	7	2	2	3	6	8	6
11. **Adelaide City**	7	0	3	4	8	16	3
12. **Footscray**	7	0	0	7	5	18	0

Sydney City beat the rain and Sydney Olympic in the seventh round.

BANKING ON

Sydney Croatia is in for a de luxe season — and you had better believe it.

At the outset of the season few soccer fans, and that includes Australia's top coaches, had an inkling of what was in store with Croatia this year. The team had struggled in 1984 — their first year in the National League — under a succession of coaches which began with that former Socceroo great Atti Abonyi, saw grafting Mick Jones in charge for a few short weeks, and went through a colourful Harry Noon to former Hajduk Split defender Vedran Rozic.

There was always the seeds of a great team there, if the club could finally put it all together, and now they are doing just that. A magnificent 8702 crowd was in ecstasy as they ground Sydney City down with a 2-0 mauling.

Away at St. George they followed up with a spirited 3-1 win with the $21,000 buy from Preston, former Vardar midfielder Zarko Odzakov, calling the shots.

Odzakov's mastery of the ball was well known in Melbourne, but Sydney fans had rarely seen him as he has been carrying injuries when in New South Wales. He has been in Australia for 2½ years. It is entirely possible that he will be an Australian citizen by the time the World Cup comes around.

Add to that the wily campaigner Vedran Rozic. This tremendous captain-coach was the subject of an appeal to FIFA for a clearance from Yugoslavia. Fortunately the right thing was finally done. If you can see a much better pass than Rozic sending a curling ball through to flying Jim Patikas up the right flank then you will be a lucky fan indeed. Rozic started his coaching in Australia by showing how he could pinch a goal and then shut the gate.

But Croatia Mark II is a different kettle of fish. Now the team has the confidence to steamroll, and then keep on keeping on for the full 90 minutes.

Then there is Graham Arnold, the striker with the whiplash shot. Originally regarded as the poor man's John Kosmina, it is easy to forecast that Rozic will ensure that Arnold is a far better player by the time the last whistle is blown in this year's Northern Division of the Olympic Airways Soccer League.

Behind the side is a management team led by president Tony Basic, with personable Marijan Devcic filling the secretarial post. With the confidence of a man who knows the moves for a big club, Basic says: "You lay out the money to get the top players and then you draw the crowds."

The fans are looking for the opportunity to see former Socceroo Eddie Krncevic back in Australia and in their team.

Many will remember the days when he represented Australia as a

At odds with Odzakov. Inter Monaro's Attilla Carbone confronts Croatia's gifted midfielder.

Marijan Kovacic, as effective in defence as in midfield.

Jim Patikas, a great offensive midfielder, is improving his defensive output.

THE BIG TIME

Sydney Croatia make the down payment on a golden era. Keith Gilmour reports.

schoolboy international. Back in 1978 he toured British Columbia and the United States in the company of such stars as Mike Boogaard, Peter Raskopoulos, Tony Pezzano, Paul Kay and present team-mate Greg Woodhouse.

The present Croatia squad is playing so well that previous top performers Steve Watson, Shane Clinch and Steve Meades are doing their bit back in the Youth Squad. If Odzakov, Rozic and Patikas can be regarded as the orchestrators then there must be an orchestra as well.

Marijan Kovacic and Wally Savor combine to put Croatia into attack.

Velvet-smooth midfielder Marijan Kovacic and brother Alex are back after missing the previous year and David Rezo and Tom Basic have improved their work in defensive roles.

Wally Savor no doubt benefitted from the China and Europe tour with the Socceroos and Bruno Vidaic is proving to be the policeman par excellence.

One player whom it was a pity to see move from the club was stopper Lee Sterrey. The youngster went to Marconi for $4,000. Perhaps there was no room for him at Croatia and he will reach new heights with Les Sheinflug at nearby Bossley Park.

Tom Basic, who has been in and out of the first team since 1981, says that the 1985 side is the best yet, and who would doubt him. The son of club president Tony, Tom came back after a severe knee injury and is proving a very handy defender or defensive midfielder.

The Sydney Croatia success story goes back to the earlier days of the NSW Federation. They always produced a workmanlike side but it was not until some of the then bigger name clubs went to National League that they began to shine.

Luke Fabianic was the 1977 coach when they won the NSW State League championship and the grand final.

Famed Socceroo Atti Abonyi was in the team that year. He regards it as only a little inferior to the legendary squad he played with at St. George.

Abonyi took over as coach for 1978 and 1979 and the honours continued to come thick and fast. They won the championship in both years, only to exit the grand final series in each case. In 1978 they lost to John Watkiss' Sutherland 2-1 in the replay after a 1-1 draw. The next year they drew the final 1-1 with Inter-Monaro, but out they went 1-0 in the repeat.

Abonyi says: "John Watkiss was my team-mate in the Socceroos from 1967 to 1970. If I had to lose there was no greater character to lose to."

In those days Abonyi had fine full-back Bobby Russell, a really great player in South Melbourne's recent triumphs, doughty defender Peter Mullens, midfielder John Davies and consistent striker Maurice Sullivan. Also developing through the ranks was young Wally Savor.

Many soccer scribes have never seen the refurbished King Tomislav Park in the outer southern suburb of Edensor Park. They do not know what they are missing when the ground is packed for a major match. Apart from the quality of the football and the electric atmosphere, the facilities and convenience of the ground itself beggar description.

What a remarkable improvement since 1984. The pitch right now is ideal for soccer and maybe by next season there will be a superb floodlighting installation as well.

Visitors to King Tomislav Park will see some familiar seating being installed around the perimeter. Croatia purchased some of that solid seating that was formerly part of the Sydney Cricket Ground's now demolished Sheridan stand. It forms part of the seating that already caters for many thousands of highly excitable fans. ■

PATIKAS!

When Sydney Croatia fans suddenly stop chanting 'Croatia' and turn to 'Patikas' instead — well, that is really something else.

It has already happened and Jimmy Patikas, 21, only started with Croatia this year.

Their mighty army of club fans is already right behind him because the Australian-born Greek with the Croatian club has the style and general appeal that transcends all boundaries.

After periods with both Sydney City and Sydney Olympic, Jimmy went to Croatia for a thumping $25,000 transfer fee.

Club coach Vedran Rozic, a wily campaigner who arrived here last year from Yugoslavia, tips a great future for him.

Jimmy is a player for Australian youngsters to watch and copy. There is no question that his attacking prowess makes him top entertainment value. His computer-accurate passes from midfield show youngsters just how to turn their strikers into scoring giants.

Jimmy is an Ashfield boy from Sydney's inner western suburbs, who started his soccer as a little fellow with Leichhardt Police Boys Club.

He moved through APIA Leichhardt and Western Suburbs junior clubs and played in the Australian under-16 team in Singapore under famed Victorian youth coach Bill Curran.

Club football excites him, but the international stage also beckons. He has played a couple of dozen internationals for Australia at Youth level from 1981-83 and once in his country's full colours in Indonesia.

At 17 he was one of the stars in the Young Socceroo team in the World Youth Cup finals in Australia.

Two years later against Scotland at Toluca in Mexico he rounded the Scottish goalkeeper to score the winner in Australia's great 2-1 win over the European youth champions.

Last season Jimmy 'Pat' played in every match for the Australian B team, appearing against Glasgow Rangers, Nottingham Forest, and that fine Greek club Iraklis.

Of this season Jim says: "I am with a very happy group of players at Croatia.

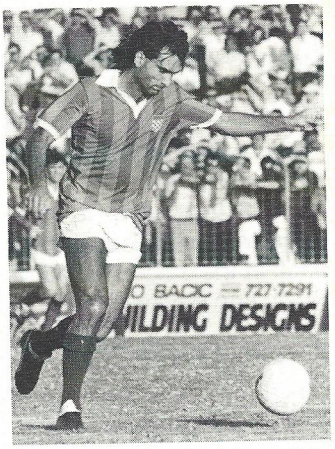
"It is just like when I was with Sydney City. There coach Eddie Thomson was like my father to me.

"In fact it was great to work under Eddie again when he had the Australian B team. Where players get in tune with their coach they can certainly give more.

"My present coach Vedran Rozic concentrates on skill and gives me plenty of additional training. I certainly respond to that treatment too."

Jim Patikas excels when he runs off his forwards and midfielders to create or finish moves.

"I am working to improve my defensive qualities. This should help me to push my way into the national team.'



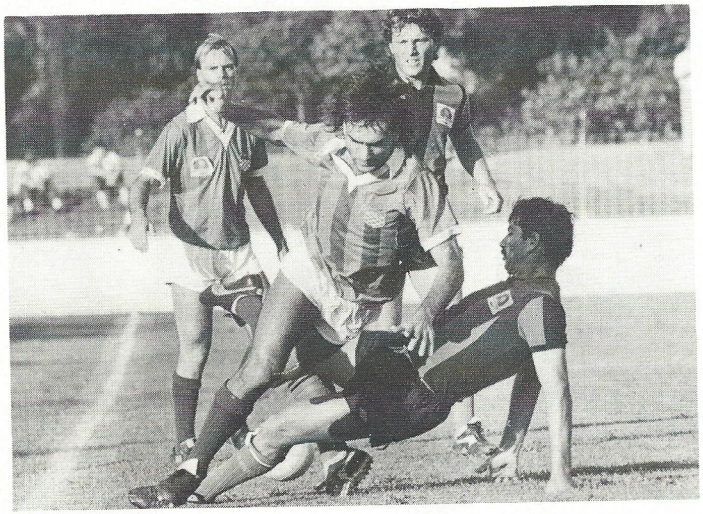
Jim Patikas.

Trouping around the world on Australian Youth team jaunts upset his schooling. With typical perseverance he attended technical college and passed his Higher School Certificate, sitting for the examinations in Acapulco in Mexico of all places. At the time the young Socceroos were playing in a tournament in which Australia won the bronze medal in competition with Brazil, Mexico, Costa Rica and the Soviets.

This year has seen the development of a powerful midfield at Croatia in the presence of Marijan Kovacic, Zarko Odzakov, Wally Savor and Jim Patikas.

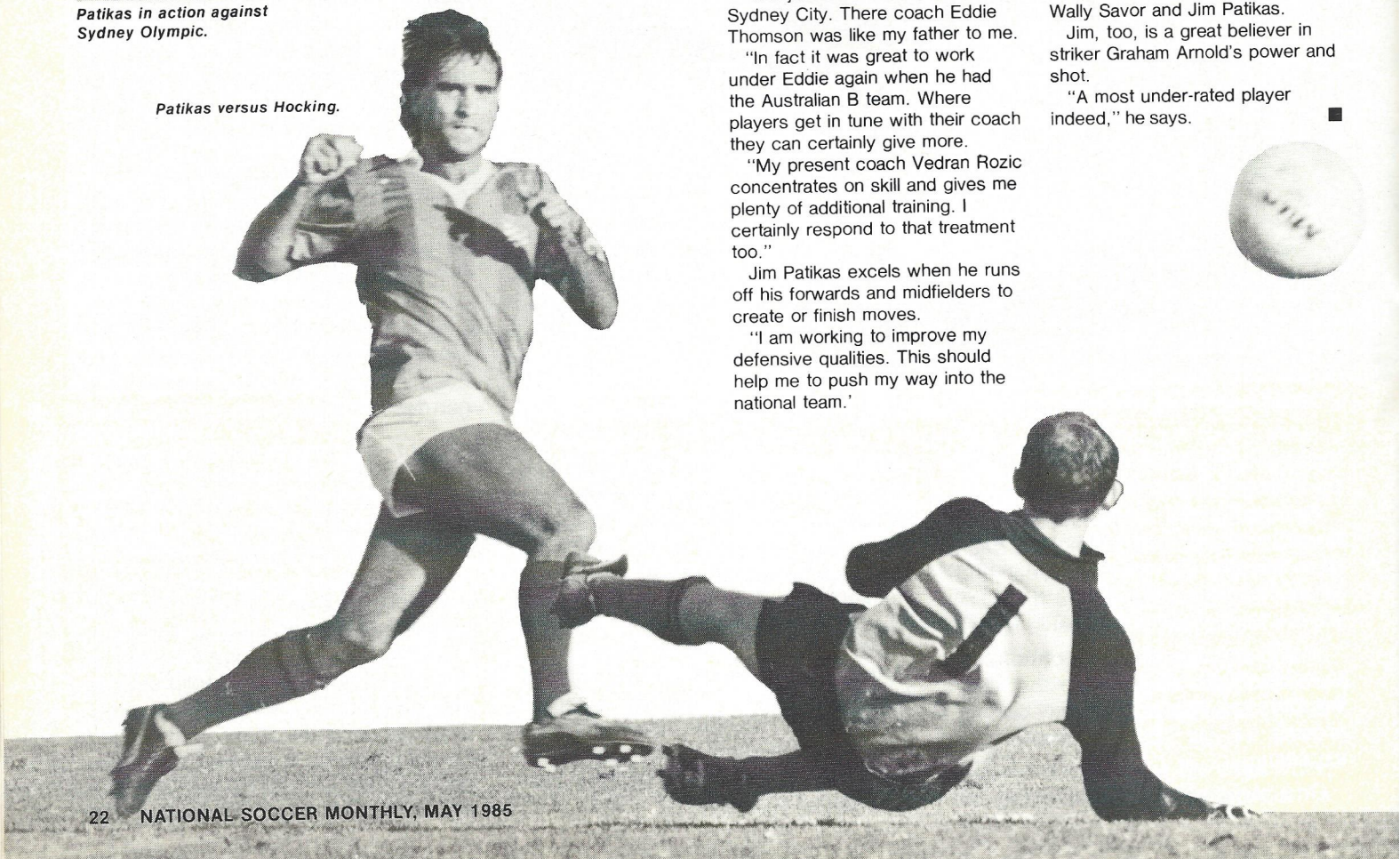
Jim, too, is a great believer in striker Graham Arnold's power and shot.

"A most under-rated player indeed," he says. ■



Patikas in action against Sydney Olympic.

Patikas versus Hocking.



NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 4

Northern Division

30th March

Wollongong City.....2 v Inter Monaro.....0

31st March

Syd. Croatia.....0 v Syd. City.....0
Leichhardt.....0 v Penrith City.....0
Blacktown City.....0 v Syd. Olympic.....0
Canberra City.....4 v Marconi.....3
St. George.....1 v Newcastle.....2

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Canberra City**	4	3	1	0	10	6	7
2. **Sydney City**	4	2	2	0	7	1	6
3. **Newcastle**	4	2	1	1	7	4	5
4. **Blacktown**	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
5. **St. George**	4	2	1	1	8	6	5
6. **Syd. Olympic**	5	1	3	1	5	6	5
7. **A.I.S.**	3	1	2	0	5	4	4
8. **Leichhardt**	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
9. **Wollongong**	4	2	0	2	6	8	4
10. **Marconi**	4	0	3	1	8	9	3
11. **Inter Monaro**	5	1	1	3	7	13	3
12. **Syd. Croatia**	4	0	2	2	6	10	2
13. **Penrith City**	5	0	1	4	5	10	1

Southern Division

31st March

Footscray.....1 v Melbourne Croatia.....0
Heidelberg Utd.....12 v Croydon City.....0
Sunshine G.C.....9 v Frankston Pines.....1
Fawkner.....1 v Green Gully.....6
Nunawading City.....0 v Preston.....2
Brunswick U.J.....2 v South Melbourne.....3

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Preston**	4	3	1	0	13	7	7
2. **H'berg Utd.**	4	3	0	1	18	5	6
3. **Green Gully**	4	2	1	1	12	3	5
4. **Melb. Croatia**	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
5. **Fawkner**	4	2	1	1	8	8	5
6. **Sunshine G.C.**	4	2	0	2	15	5	4
7. **Brunswick U.J.**	4	1	2	1	15	11	4
8. **South Melb.**	4	2	0	2	8	9	4
9. **Footscray**	4	2	0	2	5	7	4
10. **Nunawading**	4	1	0	3	2	10	2
11. **Croydon City**	4	1	0	3	3	21	2
12. **Frankston P.**	4	0	0	4	5	20	0

ROUND 5

Northern Division

6th April

Newcastle.....0 v Canberra City.....2

7th April

Penrith City.....0 v Wollongong City.....2
Inter Monaro.....0 v Sydney City.....8
Marconi.....1 v Blacktown City.....2
St. George.....1 v Syd. Croatia.....0

8th April

Syd. Olympic.....0 v Leichhardt.....2
A.I.S.....7 v Penrith City.....3

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Canberra City**	5	4	1	0	12	6	9
2. **Sydney City**	5	3	2	0	15	1	8
3. **Blacktown**	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
4. **St. George**	5	3	1	1	9	6	7
5. **A.I.S.**	4	2	2	0	12	7	6
6. **Leichhardt**	5	2	2	1	7	5	6
7. **Wollongong**	5	3	0	2	8	8	6
8. **Newcastle**	5	2	1	2	7	6	5
9. **Syd. Olympic**	6	1	3	2	5	8	5
10. **Marconi**	5	0	3	2	9	11	3
11. **Inter Monaro**	6	1	1	4	7	21	3
12. **Syd. Croatia**	5	0	2	3	6	11	2
13. **Penrith City**	7	0	1	6	8	19	1

Southern Division

7th April

Frankston Pines.....1 v Heidelberg Utd.....9
Croydon City.....0 v Melbourne Croatia.....2
South Melbourne.....1 v Nunawading City.....1
Preston.....5 v Fawkner.....0
Green Gully.....1 v Sunshine G.C.....2

8th April

Brunswick U.J.....3 v Footscray.....2

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Preston**	5	4	1	0	18	7	9
2. **H'berg Utd.**	5	4	0	1	27	6	8
3. **Melb. Croatia**	5	3	1	1	7	3	7
4. **Sunshine G.C.**	5	3	0	2	17	6	6
5. **Brunswick U.J.**	5	2	2	1	18	13	6
6. **Green Gully**	5	2	1	2	13	5	5
7. **South Melb.**	5	2	1	2	9	10	5
8. **Fawkner**	5	2	1	2	8	13	5
9. **Footscray**	5	2	0	3	7	10	4
10. **Nunawading**	5	1	1	3	3	11	3
11. **Croydon City**	5	1	0	4	3	23	2
12. **Frankston P.**	5	0	0	5	6	29	0

ROUND 6

Northern Division

13th April

St. George.....2 v A.I.S.....2

14th April

Syd. Croatia.....3 v Inter Monaro.....2
Syd. City.....6 v Penrith City.....0
Wollongong City.....5 v Syd. Olympic.....1
Leichhardt.....2 v Marconi.....0
Blacktown City.....1 v Newcastle.....3
Canberra City.....4 v St. George.....1

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Canberra City**	6	5	1	0	16	7	11
2. **Sydney City**	6	4	2	0	21	1	10
3. **Wollongong**	6	4	0	2	13	9	8
4. **Leichhardt**	6	3	2	1	9	5	8
5. **St. George**	7	3	2	2	12	12	8
6. **A.I.S.**	5	2	3	0	14	9	7
7. **Newcastle**	6	3	1	2	10	7	7
8. **Blacktown City**	6	3	1	2	9	7	7
9. **Syd. Olympic**	7	1	3	3	6	13	5
10. **Syd. Croatia**	6	1	2	3	9	13	4
11. **Marconi**	6	0	3	3	9	13	3
12. **Inter Monaro**	7	1	1	5	9	24	3
13. **Penrith City**	8	0	1	7	8	25	1

Southern Division

14th April

Footscray.....5 v Croydon City.....0
Melbourne Croatia.....5 v Frankston Pines.....0
Heidelberg Utd.....3 v Green Gully.....1
Sunshine G.C.....0 v Preston.....4
Fawkner.....2 v South Melbourne.....5
Nunawading City.....0 v Brunswick U.J.....3

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Preston**	6	5	1	0	22	7	11
2. **H'berg Utd.**	6	5	0	1	30	7	10
3. **Melb. Croatia**	6	4	1	1	12	3	9
4. **Brunswick U.J.**	6	3	2	1	21	13	8
5. **South Melb.**	6	3	1	2	14	12	7
6. **Sunshine G.C.**	6	3	0	3	17	10	6
7. **Footscray**	6	3	0	3	12	10	6
8. **Green Gully**	6	2	1	3	14	8	5
9. **Fawkner**	6	2	1	3	10	18	5
10. **Nunawading**	6	1	1	4	3	14	3
11. **Croydon City**	6	1	0	5	3	28	2
12. **Frankston P.**	6	0	0	6	6	34	0

ROUND 7

Northern Division

20th April

Newcastle.....2 v Leichhardt.....1
Syd. Croatia.....4 v A.I.S.....1

21st April

St. George.....4 v Blacktown City.....3
Canberra City.....2 v Syd. Croatia.....1
Marconi.....3 v Wollongong City.....1
Leichhardt.....2 v Marconi.....0
Syd. City.....2 v Syd. Olympic.....1
Penrith City.....2 v Inter Monaro.....1

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Canberra City**	7	6	1	0	18	8	13
2. **Sydney City**	7	5	2	0	23	2	12
3. **St. George**	8	4	2	2	16	15	10
4. **Newcastle**	7	4	1	2	12	8	9
5. **Leichhardt**	7	3	2	2	10	7	8
6. **Wollongong**	7	4	0	3	14	12	8
7. **A.I.S.**	6	2	3	1	15	13	7
8. **Blacktown City**	7	3	1	3	12	11	7
9. **Syd. Croatia**	8	2	2	4	14	16	6
10. **Marconi**	7	1	3	3	12	14	5
11. **Syd. Olympic**	8	1	3	4	7	15	5
12. **Inter Monaro**	8	1	1	6	10	26	3
13. **Penrith City**	9	1	1	7	10	26	3

Southern Division

21st April

Brunswick U.J.....5 v Fawkner.....0
South Melbourne.....0 v Sunshine G.C.....0
Nunawading City.....1 v Footscray.....2
Preston.....2 v Heidelberg Utd.....1
Green Gully.....3 v Melbourne Croatia.....1
Frankston Pines.....1 v Croydon City.....0

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Preston**	7	6	1	0	24	8	13
2. **H'berg Utd.**	7	5	0	2	31	9	10
3. **Brunswick U.J.**	7	4	2	1	26	13	10
4. **Melb. Croatia**	7	4	1	2	13	6	9
5. **Footscray**	7	4	0	3	14	11	8
6. **South Melb.**	7	3	2	2	14	12	8
7. **Green Gully**	7	3	1	3	17	9	7
8. **Sunshine G.C.**	7	3	1	3	17	10	7
9. **Fawkner**	7	2	1	4	10	23	5
10. **Nunawading**	7	1	1	5	4	16	3
11. **Croydon City**	7	1	0	6	3	29	2
12. **Frankston P.**	7	1	0	6	7	34	2

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE CUP

ROUND 3

3rd April

PRESTON.....(3) 3
Ilioski, Smith (2)
GREEN GULLY.....(1) 1
Lucchesi

Olympic Park — 1,259

Preston: Traianides, Opasinis, McMillan, Ilioski, Dobson (Heys), Dunn, Flavell, Lane, Smith, Spink, Cole.

Green Gully: Denys, Murray (Young), McLelland (McKenna), Cannell, Williams, Vassallo, Smart, Lloyd, Lucchesi, Lewis, Smallman.

ADELAIDE CROATIA.....(0) 0
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 1
Latif

(a.e.t. 0-0 90 min.)
Hindmarsh Stadium — 1,120

Adelaide Croatia: Siklich, Hutchins, Paleka, Maricic, Bridges, Kay (Klein), Perich, P. Blute, Marwe, Slager, Almeira (T. Blute).

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Taylor, Richardson, Bennett, Campelj, Faulkner, Bain, Mitten (Istuk), Latif, Gilder, McLaren.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 1
Theodorakopoulos
CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 1
Lamond

Olympic won 5-4 on penalties
(a.e.t. 1-1 90 min.)
St. George Stadium — 1,511

Sydney Olympic: Londos, Johnston, Jennings, Svinos, Lampropoulos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Koussas (Polias), Theodorakopoulos, Katholos, Kalantzis.

Canberra City: Franken, Ontong, Jones, Mihailidis (Farrell) Lamond, Byrne, Harkins, Sermanni, Perinovic (Burke), Bryant, Gibson.

10th April

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 1
Senkalski
BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 0

(a.e.t. 0-0 90 min.)
Adamstown Oval — 1,105

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Owens, Boogaard, Thompson, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Stewart, Brandt, Kerby (Todd).

Brisbane Lions: Evans, Jackson, Redmond, Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, McGregor, Cairney, Anderson.

SEMI-FINALS

17th April

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 3
Phillips (2), Koussas
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(2) 2
Todd (2)

St. George Stadium — 3,181

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Jennings, Haniotis (Polias), Lampropoulos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper, Johnston (Koussas), Katholos, Kalantzis.

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Owens, M. Jones, McQuarrie, Thompson, Senkalski, D. Jones, Todd, Stewart, Kerby (Brandt).

PRESTON.....(0) 2
Smith, Cole
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(1) 1
Latif

Olympic Park — 1,875

Preston: Traianides, Opasinis, McMillan, Dobson, Ilioski, Flavell, Heys, Lane, Smith, Spink, Cole.

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Taylor, Bennett, Richardson, Campelj, Bain, Faulkner, McLaren (Toal), Gilder, Latif, Mitten.

SMITH ON TARGET FOR PRESTON

ROUND THREE CUP ACTION — Preston's Steve Smith (right) scores despite a desperate dive by Gully's Jim Murray. Gully goalie Lou Denys watches the ball into the net.

LIFE IN THE COLLEGE PRESSURE COOKER

Jim Shoulder, AIS Coach and the man who will lead Australia's Youth team to Moscow for this year's World Youth finals.

"If you want good things from soccer and life, you must be prepared to make sacrifices."

That's the maxim preached by Jim Shoulder, head soccer coach at the Australian Institute of Sport and the man who will lead Australia's Youth team to Moscow this year for the World Youth finals.

The statement automatically dispels any false notions that life for the average AIS soccer student is a cushy ride.

The availability of first class facilities, top coaches, comfortable accommodation and ample opportunity gives the AIS players an elite image in the eyes of other aspiring youths. But the boys from the Institute work hard and make great sacrifices in return for what is arguably the best soccer education in Australia.

The process starts when Jim Shoulder and his assistant Ron Smith first spot and assess a future AIS candidate at under-15 level.

"We approach the player through the correct sources and create opportunities to work with him before he actually arrives in Canberra," says Shoulder.

That gives the AIS bosses a good idea of just what they are getting, and they rarely make mistakes.

When Shoulder and company scout a player they are looking for more than a good footballer. He must have character, be ambitious and realistic about just how far the game will take him it he is prepared to work hard.

Hard work and a tight schedule keep the AIS squad very busy throughout the average week, but for those players who make the adjustment, the routine is satisfying rather than strenuous. Two sessions a week are devoted to morning training which means the players are up at 6.00 am for a 40-minute physical work-out in the training hall.

Ron Smith puts them through a tough routine using weights, flexibility exercises and bounding to improve sprinting ability.

If you think that these guys might get special dispensation to miss school just because they are star soccer players — you're wrong. It's probably fair to say that even more emphasis is placed on scholastic achievement, says Jimmy Shoulder.

"My outlook is that everything has to run smoothly for us to be able to conduct the soccer programme to maximum benefit.

"If I don't make sure the players perform off the field with their character development, schooling and homework, I get problems with parents and teachers.

"So it is vital I ensure all players get on with schoolwork. You could say that in one way, I'm also their head tutor. I chase them up."

School for most AIS players means the nearby Dickson College for senior high school students. The AIS boys, with the exception of those players who have their own cars, travel to and from school by bus.

The boys return from school by 4 pm in time to start training at 4.30 pm This is the formal soccer training session and takes place every afternoon five days a week.

A roster system commits each player to a once-a-week visit to a local primary school to work with junior players. Each AIS player has been "adopted" by a school and the system not only provides a good community service, but creates promotional benefits for soccer.

When training is completed at 6.30 pm each evening, the squad has just enough time to shower and change in time for dinner at 7.00 pm. After dinner comes homework. For those players who require supervised tutorial help, the Institute employs part-time tutors.

Soccer might constitute "play" but Jimmy Shoulder and Ron Smith are careful to see that their charges get regular leisure breaks.

This is a special month for the AIS players as they return to their home States to represent in the National Youth Championships in Sydney from May 6-10.

The titles, say Shoulder, are typical of the sort of challenges the AIS programme prepares players for.

"It's nothing for our boys to play up to five games in a week, and that's the sort of pressure you have to encounter in any sort of tournament football."

The squad will learn even more about pressure when it travels to Holland on May 13 for two tournaments plus six individual fixtures before returning on June 5.

In the meantime, the players are committed to their weekly endeavours in the Youth League. For away games this involves a 7.00 am start, breakfast on the road and a long journey in a mini-bus before a tough match against strong opposition.

"It's less than an ideal preparation but we tell our players that the deluxe hotels and first-class air fares will come when they've made it to the very top," says Jim Shoulder.

"Meanwhile, we don't tolerate any moaning about it because all those minor discomforts are lessons in how to achieve a desired result despite less than ideal circumstances." ■

MELBOURNE

At precisely this time last season Heidelberg United was sitting precariously close to the bottom of the ladder with four points from five games and even optimistic president Sam Goulopoulos was admitting to all that relegation was a very real possibility.

Jim Tansey, Gary Cole, John Spanos, Jim Campbell, Robert Vincent, Derek Lea and Arthur McMillan had all moved on and new coach Brian Garvey was left with a bunch of youngsters to work with.

By the end of the season Garvey had worked a miracle. Heidelberg finished runner-up to old rival South Melbourne and had lost a local cup final to the same club. All in all it was an excellent performance which earned Garvey the Victorian Coach of the Year award and made him a hero with the Heidelberg following.

If anyone deserved to be called a "quiet achiever" it was the unassuming Englishman. He took kids like John Gabrielson, Joe Angele, Steve Tassios and John Mextaxas, mixed them with the experienced Charlie Yankos, Theo Selemidis and Donny MacLeod and moulded them into a team demanding respect.

This season Heidelberg is off to a much more encouraging start and the obvious question has to be: Can Garvey go one better?

MacLeod won't be there to help out, but former Socceroo George Christopoulos has been added to the squad and Heidelberg is playing with such confidence these days that it would be foolish not to give it a very real chance.

I have no doubts that Heidelberg will be in at the death in the battle for the title and its toughest opposition will once again come from South Melbourne and probably Preston.

South Melbourne coach Len McKendry has the smallest squad in the Southern Division and this could bring problems as the season goes on.

For instance, there is no cover for strikers Charlie Egan and Dougie Brown and Brown's form of late has given McKendry cause for concern. But Egan is playing out of his skin and one must wonder how lethal the two could be together if Brown was playing as well as he did last season.

The addition of Gary McDowell, bought from Footscray for $15,000 to replace Alan Davidson, should adequately cover the gap left by the now Nottingham Forest player. McDowell is now playing an unusual role for him — on the right flank — so he may need a bit of time to really settle in. But he is one of the best players in Australia and it is only a matter of time before he proves it.

The defence could hardly be improved. From goalkeeper Peter Laumets out it is well organised, experienced and loaded with ability. Steve Blair is probably the best centre back in the country and is well supported by the talented John Yzendoorn and Bobby Russell. Young Angie Postecoglou will be in his second season and has earned his spurs.

Preston's new coach Bill Murray took the unusual step of fielding four strikers in his league games to date — Sean Lane, Gary Cole, Steve Smith and Warren Spink. It was a brave move for someone in his first year in the National League and one would like to see it succeed for the sake of the game in general. But it may be a bit ambitious in these days when too many clubs seem more interested in staving off relegation then winning championships.

Otherwise the team is well balanced. Young Philip Traianedes has successfully challenged New Zealand international Richard Wilson for the goalkeeping position and he has a pretty rugged defence in front of him.

On paper Brunswick should be right up there among the title challengers and they may indeed be there. But it is difficult to put them in the top three because of a tendency to play safe from time to time.

Coach John Margaritis has as much experience of the National League as anyone and he will undoubtedly use it to the best advantage. He took over the team under a cloud when Tommy Traynor was sacked after only three games. The loss of Traynor upset a lot of players and it took a few weeks for Margaritis to get them going. But he seems to have done so now and the addition of Paul Wade from Green Gully and the return from injury of Fabio Incantalupo after injury should pay off.

Brian Brown is combining well with Peter Lewis, Eddie Campbell and newcomer Mike Peterson at the back and it will be a difficult defence to beat. It should improve even more as the season progresses.

Melbourne Croatia's prospects will depend largely on the ability of new coach Dom Kapetanovic to settle in quickly to life in the Southern Division. Although he has experience of Australian soccer, the Yugoslav is a stranger as far as Victoria is concerned and he will be coming up against one unknown quantity after another. He is bound to need time to settle down and gather knowledge of the opposition, but he is well equipped with players.

The irrepressible Tommy Cumming is as ever a big danger to opposing defences and with the promising Steve Gojevic and Robert Markovac likely to get together soon, the future looks bright.

Croatia is recovering from the loss of Peter Lewis, Keith Adams, Yakka Banovic and Peter Blasby. George Hannah is a defender to watch again and Jozo Antolovic can be as productive a midfielder as any in the competition.

Green Gully has one of the toughest defences in the league and two of the best strikers — Claude Lucchesi and Paul Lewis. These two are quickly coming to an understanding and becoming more and more dangerous with every game.

Any team that can go to Sydney and beat Sydney City has got to be taken seriously and Green Gully did that a few weeks ago. Coach Bobby McLachlan is a great believer in flair and this has given the team some unexpected victories.

Sunshine George Cross, now under the astute John Gardiner, could turn out to be the shock team of the competition. Gardiner has already worked wonders with the bulk of the team which only stayed in the National League because two State League teams refused promotion. Gardiner has added only Noel Mitten and Lou Kastner to the squad, but he has organised them very well and it will certainly sneak a few points over the season.

The team most likely to struggle all season is Footscray which has shown little improvement since its dismal performance in the Buffalo Gold Cup. Too many players have left and been replaced by others from lower divisions, who have not really come to terms with the National League standard. Luckily Dennis Boland was persuaded to return and young Tom Karic has the makings of a fine player.

MUSCLE

Bob Brian of the Melbourne Herald surveys Victoria's might

Powerhouse Preston: Sean Lane epitomises his club's march to the Cup Final as he evades Green Gully's Ken Smart.

STAR SPOT

Full name: Paul Wade

Birthplace and date: Altrincham, England.

Height and weight: 6' 0", 10½ stone.

Home: Hallam, Victoria.

Car: Bluebird TRX

Previous clubs: Slavia, Croydon City, Green Gully.

Nickname: None

Team you supported as a boy: Liverpool.

Football heroes of childhood: George Best.

Most memorable match: 1983 Ampol Cup-Final (we lost).

Biggest thrill: Yet to come.

Biggest disappointment: My form this year so far.

Superstitions: None.

Favourite other sports persons: Glen Hoddle.

Favourite other sport: Golf.

Hobbies: Golf — all sport.

Favourite actor or actress: Al Pacino, Mel Gibson.

Favourite T.V. show: Match of the Day.

Favourite musician: Elton John

Biggest influence on career: Dad and Jimmy Rooney.

Favourite current players: Les Carter

Ambitions for 1985: League with Juve.

Long term ambitions: To be happy but wealthy.

After soccer career is over: Coaching.

PAUL WADE

BRUNSWICK UNITED

WORTHO'S ON HIS WAY?

That master of cheek and charm Frank Worthington might be heading Down Under, reports Allan Crisp

anchester United's loss could be Australia's gain if Frank Worthington guests for an NSL club this season.

United manager Ron Atkinson revealed recently that he was set to sign Worthington after the striker had guested for his team during the World Soccer Series played in Australia last year. "Many players have been linked with signing for United, but one player who could have joined us is Frank Worthington, had he hung on for another week or two" said Atkinson.

"Despite being over 30, I felt strongly that Old Trafford would provide the ideal stage for a crowd-pleaser with delightful ball control. He is a player of flair and imagination. The United fans would have risen to acclaim his artistry.

"For some reason, though, Frank decided against joining us. Perhaps he couldn't believe that a club like United could take him on in the twilight of his career. I'm sure he regrets his impetuosity now" said Atkinson.

But impetuosity is part of Worthington's makeup. He is as restless as he is brilliant. Brighton and Hove Albion became his eighth club when he moved down the coast from Southampton last year. And it is his success with Brighton that has delayed his appearance here.

Worthington asked Brighton for an early release, but manager Chris Cattlin was reluctant to agree while the Seagulls retained a chance of promotion.

Worthington's ability to keep a cool head in tight situations earned him a place in the Football League's 150 Club in 1980 — the elite group of players who have scored 150 league goals or more in the tough domestic English Football League. "Scoring is the hardest thing in the world, but fortunately I've been able to do it on a regular basis," said Worthington.

Born in Halifax on November 23, 1948, Worthington first displayed his prowess as a goalscorer at Huddersfield from 1966-71. He won eight England caps as a Leicester City player from 1972-77 and has since played for Bolton, Birmingham, Leeds, Everton, Southampton and Brighton.

In between his club shuffle in England, Worthington, while with Bolton had a spell in the North American Soccer League with the Philadelphia Furies. He was just 24 hours away from joining Tulsa when the Roughnecks offered the Furies cash plus four players for Worthington, but Bolton stopped the deal.

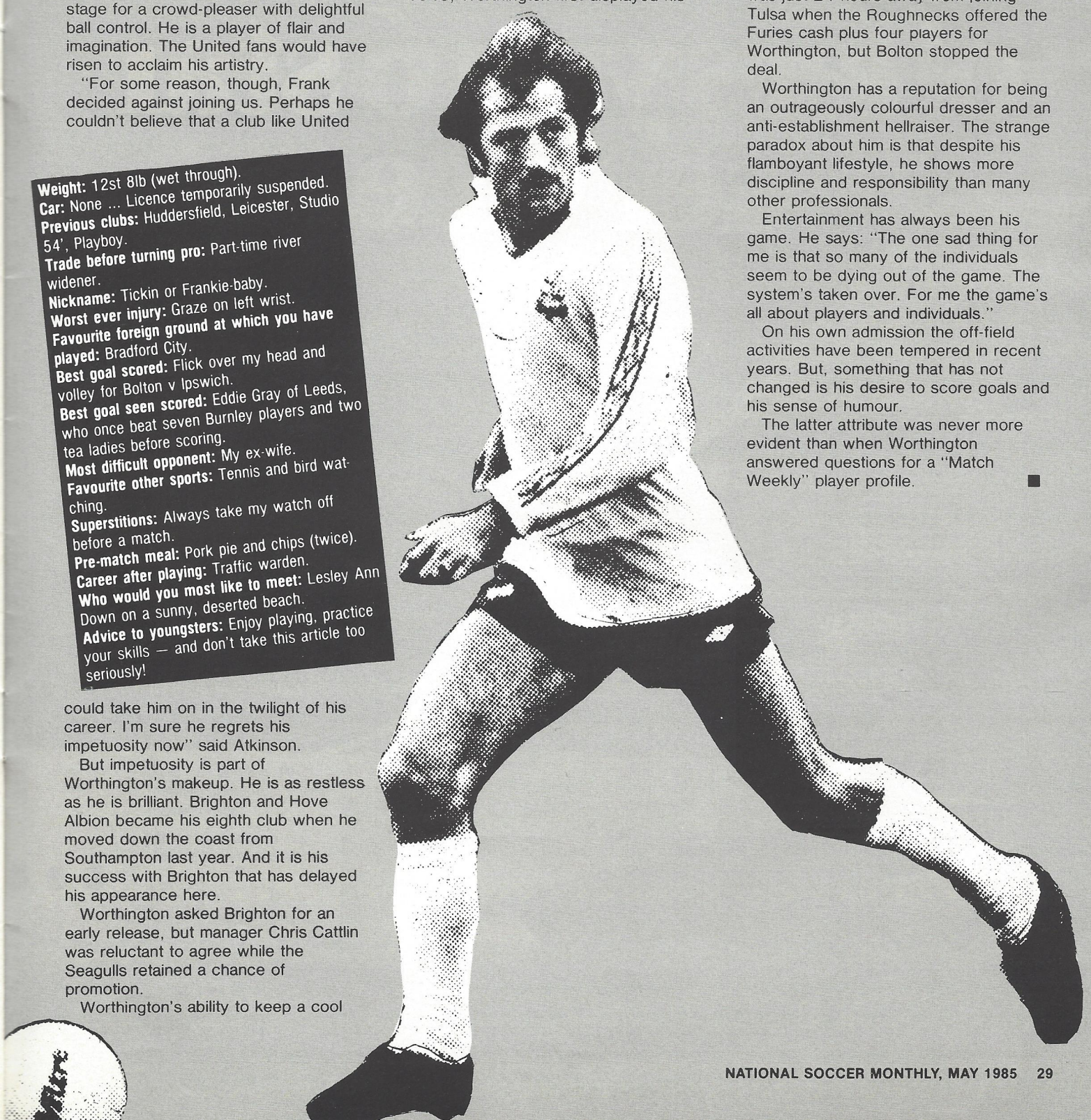
Worthington has a reputation for being an outrageously colourful dresser and an anti-establishment hellraiser. The strange paradox about him is that despite his flamboyant lifestyle, he shows more discipline and responsibility than many other professionals.

Entertainment has always been his game. He says: "The one sad thing for me is that so many of the individuals seem to be dying out of the game. The system's taken over. For me the game's all about players and individuals."

On his own admission the off-field activities have been tempered in recent years. But, something that has not changed is his desire to score goals and his sense of humour.

The latter attribute was never more evident than when Worthington answered questions for a "Match Weekly" player profile. ■

Weight: 12st 8lb (wet through).
Car: None ... Licence temporarily suspended.
Previous clubs: Huddersfield, Leicester, Studio 54', Playboy.
Trade before turning pro: Part-time river widener.
Nickname: Tickin or Frankie-baby.
Worst ever injury: Graze on left wrist.
Favourite foreign ground at which you have played: Bradford City.
Best goal scored: Flick over my head and volley for Bolton v Ipswich.
Best goal seen scored: Eddie Gray of Leeds, who once beat seven Burnley players and two tea ladies before scoring.
Most difficult opponent: My ex-wife.
Favourite other sports: Tennis and bird watching.
Superstitions: Always take my watch off before a match.
Pre-match meal: Pork pie and chips (twice).
Career after playing: Traffic warden.
Who would you most like to meet: Lesley Ann Down on a sunny, deserted beach.
Advice to youngsters: Enjoy playing, practice your skills — and don't take this article too seriously!



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STAR SPOT

Full name: Chris Kalantzis.

Position: Striker.

Birthplace and date: Sydney 27/7/67.

Height and weight: 6ft., 12st.

Home: Croydon Park.

Car: Cortina.

Previous clubs: Olympic Juniors.

Nickname: None.

Team you supported as a boy: Liverpool.

Football heroes of childhood: Karl-Heinz Rumenigge.

Most memorable match: Australia defeating Israel Youth, 1985.

Biggest thrill: Playing NSL and Australia Youth.

Biggest disappointment: None this far.

Superstitions: Eat a lot (all the time).

International or other honours: **Australia Youth 1985.**

Favourite other sports persons: Ivan Lendl, Abdul Kareem Jabbah.

Favourite other sport: Basketball.

Hobbies: Tinkering with cars.

Favourite actor or actress: Roger Moore, Clint Eastwood.

Favourite musician: All Top 40 artists.

Biggest influence on career: Family.

Favourite current players: Peter Raskopoulos, Zico.

Ambitions for 1985: Do well in World Youth Cup Finals in August.

Long term ambitions: Play for Australin Senior Team, club football overseas.

After soccer career is over: Become involved in coaching.

CHRIS KALANTZIS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

GLORY DAYS

Back Row (left to right): ***Les Matisccsak, Tim Brown, Chris Manou, Mike Genakis, Gary Sproul, Brendan Hiern, Graham Honeyman, Steve Papadopoulos.***
Front Row: ***Andy Scott, Steve Atsalas, John Panagis, George Konstandopoulos, Ian McGregor.***

Tired of running with the pack, West Adelaide want to be out front.

West Adelaide have experienced the euphoria of winning a National Soccer League championship and twice it has been forced to seek readmission after plummeting into the relegation zone.

Such are the vagaries of competing in Australia's top national football series.

But, whether top or bottom, West Adelaide have proven to be a team that cannot be ignored.

Over a decade before it joined the National Soccer League (then Philips League), Westad had an outstanding State League record.

They achieved their first State League title in 1966 with a team which would have been successful in any era.

The members of that side are still spoken about today — a squad which included Peter Worthington, Roy Burdett, Byron Broikos, Alec Byrne, Nick Kefaloudis, Elio Marusic, Peter Jaksa, Tom Forde, Ted Delyster, Udo Joschke and Nick Pantelis.

That great side started what was to become almost a title-winning habit.

Westad won six championships and numerous cup competitions to establish a magnificent tradition.

Current coach Neil McGachey, as a player, helped significantly to establish that tradition.

He sees the unity of the past as the major reason for West's success.

"The club was one united family during the 60s, early 70s and indeed in 1978 when we won the Philips League title," McGachey said.

"For us to be successful in establishing a successful side again, this unity must return to all sections of our club so we can all work towards a common goal."

"One section of the West Adelaide family that I believe we should be justly proud of is the West Adelaide Junior Soccer Club.

"In my opinion they are the biggest and best junior club in South Australia, if not Australia," he said.

McGachey does not simply pay lip service to his junior body.

In an attempt to achieve a smooth transition from junior to the senior ranks, McGachey has introduced a roster system to enable four juniors at a time to train with the NSL squad.

He also has 12 young players taking statistics during each home game to help with their development.

NSL players also take coaching sessions at all junior levels in a pleasing getting-to-know-you-exercise, designed to foster unity throughout the club.

As captain of the triumphant 1978 side, McGachey has tasted success at the highest level.

But, as McGachey puts it, "Winning championships should not be our singular goal. At lower levels of the club, individual development should be our main aim."

— Allan Crisp

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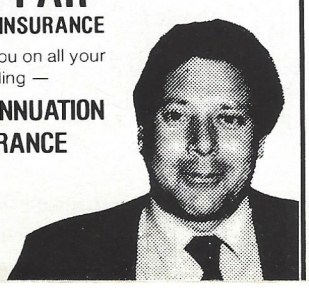

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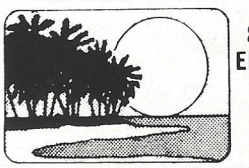

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AGAIN?

Remember When...

A nostalgic look at the most famous of City-West derbies — the championship deciding match on the final day of the 1978 season.

It was 1.45 p.m. on a warm Sunday in August. Hindmarsh Stadium was a sea of faces; 16,128 of them in fact.

If West Adelaide, just one point from the championship, felt the tension they were not showing it, yet.

Fifteen long strides down the passage way, Adelaide City prepared itself for the piece de resistance of the 1978 season.

There was a lot of back slapping, joking and small talk. The mood was relaxed.

But 15 minutes before kick-off, the atmosphere changed in the West rooms. It was grim.

In the opening five minutes, both sides restrained themselves; merely testing the other. There would be no early goals.

After 20 minutes of exquisite tension, McGregor grabbed the first scoring chance — a sizzling 25-metre shot, narrowly wide of the right-hand post.

West began to make deep incisions in City's defence. Norris rose superbly over the bar while Honeyman failed to apply the vital touch with goalkeeper Marshall stranded.

McGregor nearly punished him moments later after a moment of indecision.

Marshall leapt high for a cross but fumbled it. McGregor pounced onto it in a flash but as he connected with his right foot, Marshall dived heroically, blocking the attempt.

Tension mounted as the match swung towards City. Twice the game was stopped after players clashed. The first half ended — there were no goals.

City, which had looked ominously dangerous in the last few minutes of the first half, began to tighten its grip on the game. West's bench was quiet with concern.

City chipped at West's defensive wall; a goal seemed imminent. It came in the fifty-third minute. John Besir and Perin stood over the ball 25 metres out to line up for a free kick. West quickly formed a wall but Besir and Perin looked hesitant. Besir would take the kick. But it was only a ruse.

Instead of firing it around the wall, he touched it to Perin, a few metres to his left. Perin took a short step and with one of his celebrated right-foot blasts powered it past Crook into the top left hand corner. Adelaide City 1, West Adelaide 0.

The next 20 minutes were the worst of the match for West. Depression had set in. As McGachey would say later: "We felt sick."

West began the last 15 minutes with the conviction that if force had not prevailed, more force was the answer.

Bozanic rose majestically to beat Marshall to a high crossfield ball and headed powerfully to the far post. It looked a certain goal. But the ball bounced inches wide.

Then John Nyskohus worked a clear run at West's goal which silenced the crowd. But from 15 metres on a tight angle he rifled a low shot around the far post.

One international class player had wasted his moment; another was to make better use of his.

With just three minutes left Boyle sent a high cross a metre inside the penalty area. Bozanic accelerated towards it. Marshall raced off his line to intercept. Bozanic got there first and with a deft flick lobbed it over Marshall's head for an exhilarating goal.

For the West Adelaide players it was a moment of ecstatic catharsis. The stadium reverberated with an ear splitting din. The championship would come to Adelaide.

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Continuing its involvement in local soccer, SBS-TV has announced an extensive television coverage of Australian soccer in 1985 — a schedule which includes the Olympic Airways Soccer League, major European club finals, and the Socceroos' World Cup qualifying fixtures.

With SBS-TV expanding its transmission areas to Brisbane, Adelaide, Newcastle and Wollongong in mid-1985, the network aims to make its soccer coverage throughout the year wider, more accessible and vibrant than ever.

Each Monday at 6 pm, SBS-TV presents **Olympic Airways Soccer League,** a weekly one-hour roundup of the new-look National Soccer League.

Presented by Les Murray, Olympic Airways Soccer League features match commentary and reports from Mike Hill and Laurie Schwab. Highlights from all major fixtures in the league are offered to provide a punchy, topical look at the league. Interviews, news and player focuses are just part of the format.

For the fourth successive year, SBS-TV will cover the European Cup Final, the European Cup-Winner's Cup Final and the 2nd Leg of the UEFA Cup Final. Unlike previous telecasts, this year's matches will be screened via delayed satellite at 8.30 pm to make them more accessible to viewers through prime-time television rather than the usual live-to-air slot of 4.30 am.

On Thursday, May 15 at 8.30 pm comes the European Cup-Winner's Cup Final from Rotterdam; to be followed on Thursday, May 22 at 8.30 pm by the 2nd Leg of the UEFA Cup Final; and the "Big One" — the European Cup Final from Brussels — on Thursday, May 29 at 8.30 pm.

As part of the May feast of European soccer, SBS-TV will present a 'World Soccer' special on Saturday, May 18 at 6.00 pm with a nostalgic replay of the classic 1960 European Cup Final between the great Real Madrid and Eintracht Frankfurt.

Regarded by many as the greatest ever European Cup Final, players like Alfredo di Stefano and Ferenc Puskas (recently in Australia as a guest of St. George) contributed to a breathtaking 7-3 victory.

In July-August, SBS-TV will again telecast matches from the special **International Soccer Series,** a collection of exhibition matches around Australia involving the Socceroos, Tottenham Hotspur of England, Italy's Udinese and South American giants Vasco Da Gama of Brazil.

Later in the year, Australia's Socceroos take on their biggest challenge — qualifying for the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico. With games against New Zealand, Israel and Taiwan, their task will be a formidable one. SBS-TV will be there to cover all the action. **World Soccer** continues each Saturday at 6.00 pm, with Les Murray presenting a comprehensive look at the international scene. Now in its fifth year, World Soccer provides news and highlights from the soccer world only days after the games have been played overseas.

All these programmes combine to offer SBS-TV viewers a soccer feast during 1985. The network's involvement in Australian soccer is well recognised and respected through its previous telecasts of World Youth Championship Finals and numerous important fixtures involving the Socceroos and the National Soccer League.

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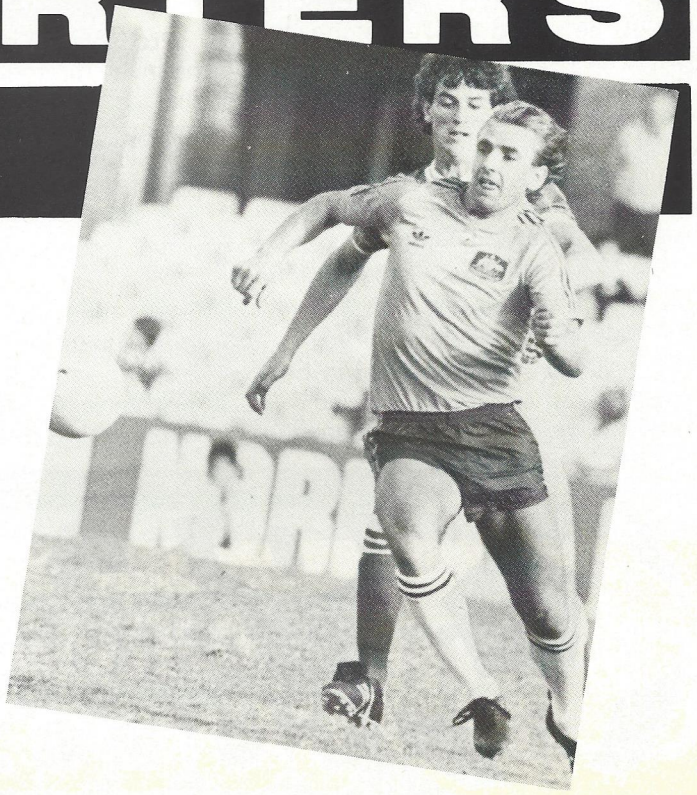


MEN WITH THE WHISTLE

No. 2 DON CAMPBELL

With the retirement last year of Tony Boskovic, who became Australia's senior referee?

It will probably come as a great surprise to many soccer fans — especially those in Sydney and Melbourne — that the answer to that question is South Australia's Don Campbell. Campbell has been a FIFA referee for over 14 years, but for some baffling reason his talent has not been recognized outside his own State. Campbell himself makes little of it and he's too loyal to his fellow referees and to the ASF to grumble about lack of opportunity, but after you have talked to him for a while you sense that deep down he feels he has missed out somewhere, and you think, could it be that he's in Adelaide and not in Sydney?

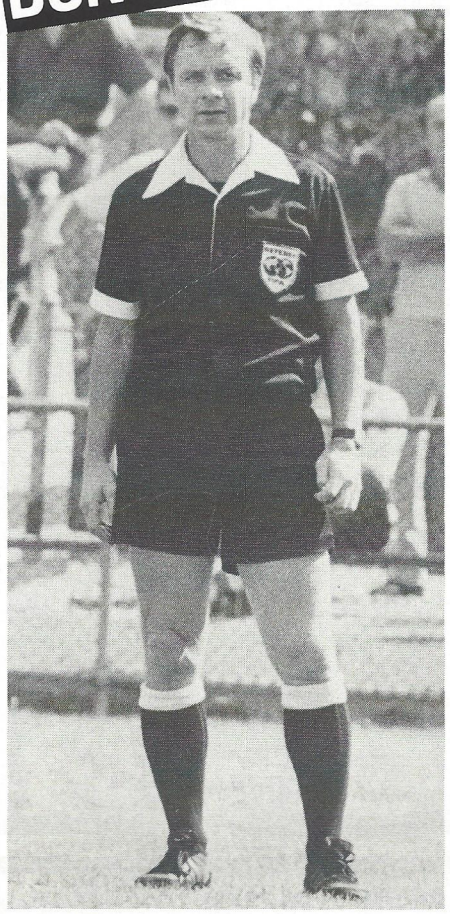
Donald Campbell was born in Glasgow on November 20, 1939, which makes him 45 years old, and which also makes him due to retire at the end of the '89 season . . . and that makes him mad.

"I think it's stupid and a downright waste of talent and experience to compulsorily retire refs at 50," he says. "It takes you a long time to reach the top and an even longer time to be able to apply all your knowledge wisely, then you get scrapped".

Campbell has always been a fitness freak and one time looked like making the grade as a professional. After junior experience with Benburb Violet, he joined St. Johnstone, but broke his leg twice in '61 and '62 and decided that playing was not for him. He answered an advertisement in the local paper for referees and after the usual six-week course on the laws, started off his reffing career in the Glasgow Juvenile League.

Migrating to Australia late in '63, he had one fling at playing, this time with Adelaide team Polonia, in 1964.

But in four years he rose to be a class one ref and was refereeing S.A. Division One by the '68 season.



Probably the most important match he ever refereed and certainly one that sticks most in his memory was the Australia v Uruguay game in Sydney when he sent off the Uruguyan player who inflicted the karate chop on Ray Baartz which ended the player's career.

Campbell feels that the higher the grade, the easier it is to referee, and agrees that the reason there is such a wastage of budding referees is that they have to start off at the lower levels where players are less skillful and less disposed to respect young refs.

"Communication is the name of the game", he says, "Players hate referees who run about blowing the whistle and ignoring them. I'm known as a chatterbox because I'm talking to the players all the time, and I find that a quick word and a smile work wonders."

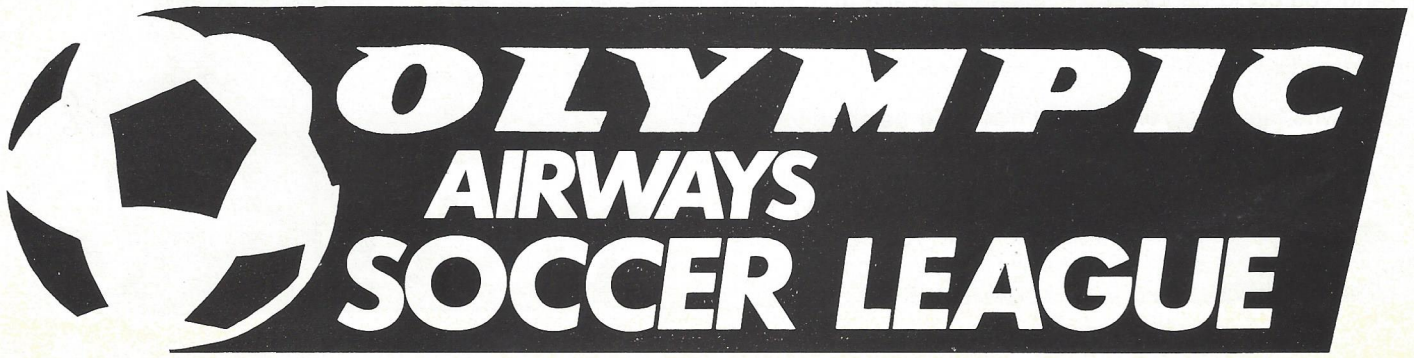
One match that will always remain vividly in Campbell's memory is the one between South Australia and Stoke City in 1973, just after the Potters had won the (then) League Cup.

In the closing stages of the match, the score was 0-0 when Stoke's rugged centre-half Dennis Smith upended John Nyskohus in the penalty area and Campbell awarded S.A. a penalty which John Perin duly converted. Only five minutes later Smith did it again, to the same player, and Campbell ordered another penalty.

"I put the ball on the spot," says Campbell. "I looked around to make sure the area was clear and was about to blow for Perin to take his second penalty when a voice just behind me said softly 'If this penalty goes in, ref, I'll smash your face in!' I turned round and found myself face to face with none other than Geoff Hurst, England's World Cup-Final hat-trick hero. I couldn't believe my ears, so I said, 'Would you mind repeating that, Mr Hurst?' He said: 'If this penalty goes in, ref, it will be the second well-placed kick today!'."

No doubt, as Vasco de Gama, Udinese and Tottenham Hotspur tour here next month, Campbell will be adding to his international experience, but it is to be hoped that as Australia progresses later this year towards that longed-for World Cup Finals appearance, that Donald Campbell will not continue to be overlooked . . . to referee a World Cup qualifying match would be a well-deserved and overdue honour.

Les Shorrock



STAR SPOT

Full name: Garry Ralph Bromfield.

Birthplace and date: Camden, NSW, 22/4/58.

Height and weight: 175cm, 75kg.

Home: Windsor, an inner Brisbane suburb.

Car: Sigma.

Favourite current player(s): John Kosmina (Sydney City, Australia), Bryan Robson (Manchester United, England).

Ambitions for 1985: To get into the Queensland squad to tour Fiji.

Long-term ambitions: To play in a successful Brisbane City side.

After soccer career is over: Coach juniors and seniors.

Previous clubs: Bardon Latrobe, Sunnyside, Across the Waves.

Nickname: Bomber.

Team you supported as a boy: Manchester United, Merton East.

Most memorable match: My NSL debut against West Adelaide. They were unbeaten and on top of the League and we won.

Biggest thrill: Getting picked for Queensland as an 18-year-old in my first year in seniors.

Biggest disappointment: Missing the Queensland squad for this year's interstate clash.

Superstitions: Wearing two pairs of socks when playing.

International or other honours: Only State caps so far.

Favourite other sports persons: Rod Marsh, John McEnroe.

Favourite other sport: Tennis.

Robbies: Playing any sport.

Favourite actor(s): Charles Bronson, Clint Eastwood.

Favourite T.V. show: Hill Street Blues, M*A*S*H.

Favourite Musician: Huey Lewis and the News.

Biggest influence on career: My parents, Eddie Carrigan (previous coach).

GARRY BROMFIELD

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In addition, month by month we'll give you hints on how to improve your pictures.

Let's start off with the basics.

You need a camera, of course, and if you don't already own one, and intend to buy one, try to get what is called a 'system' camera, a Nikon, Pentax, Canon or Minolta for example. System cameras are so-called because the camera manufacturer makes a whole range of lenses that fit the camera without modification and therefore widens your scope.

The camera doesn't have to be new, of course. Plenty of top professionals started off with a second-hand camera and a couple of lenses, and any reputable camera shop will sell you a popular brand like a Canon AE1 or Pentax K1000 for about half the price of a new camera.

To take action pictures you will need a lens that will bring the players closer to you ... a telephoto lens, in other words. Telephoto lenses are often confused with zoom lenses, which they aren't. A telephoto lens has a fixed focal length, usually anywhere from 85mm to 300mm, whilst zoom lenses can be varied in focal length from 85mm up to 300mm, all in the one lens.

A camera salesman will extol to you the virtues of a zoom lens, saying one lens will do everything for you, from close-ups to subjects as far as 50 yards away, without changing lenses and maybe missing a picture, what more could you want? Quite simply, don't fall for it. When you first start trying to photograph the action, you'll find you have your hands full just following the players and the ball and focussing sharp without zooming in and out all the time, and in practice you'll find that the 85mm-200mm lens that seemed such a wonderful idea in the shop somehow always gets used at the 200mm focal length.

So it's best to get the fixed focal lens, somewhere between 135mm and 200mm. All manufacturers make one, Nikon has a fine 180mm and Canon a good 200mm. If you already own a Nikon, Canon, Minolta or Pentax camera body and you feel their telephoto lens is out of your reach, don't despair. Lens manufacturers like Tamron, Kiron, Vivitar or Sigma make lenses to fit all popular makes at a much lower price, and if you hunt around you'll probably be able to snap up a second-hand one. Tamron, for instance make a range called Adaptall which fill the bill admirably.

Whether you work in black and white or colour (only black and white is suitable for the press), you'll need a 'fast' film, that is, one rated at 400ASA, like Kodak Tri-X or Ilford HP5. If you don't understand ask the camera dealer, that's what he's there for. And now, having got the camera, the telephoto lens, and the right film, how do you go about getting those beaut pictures?

Start with your local club, and pick a spot just about where the penalty area boundary line intersects the touchline (but about three yards back, of course!). You'll find that from there, with a telephoto lens you'll be able to cover all the action around the penalty area without any trouble and with a bit of practice you'll soon learn to focus sharply on the players.

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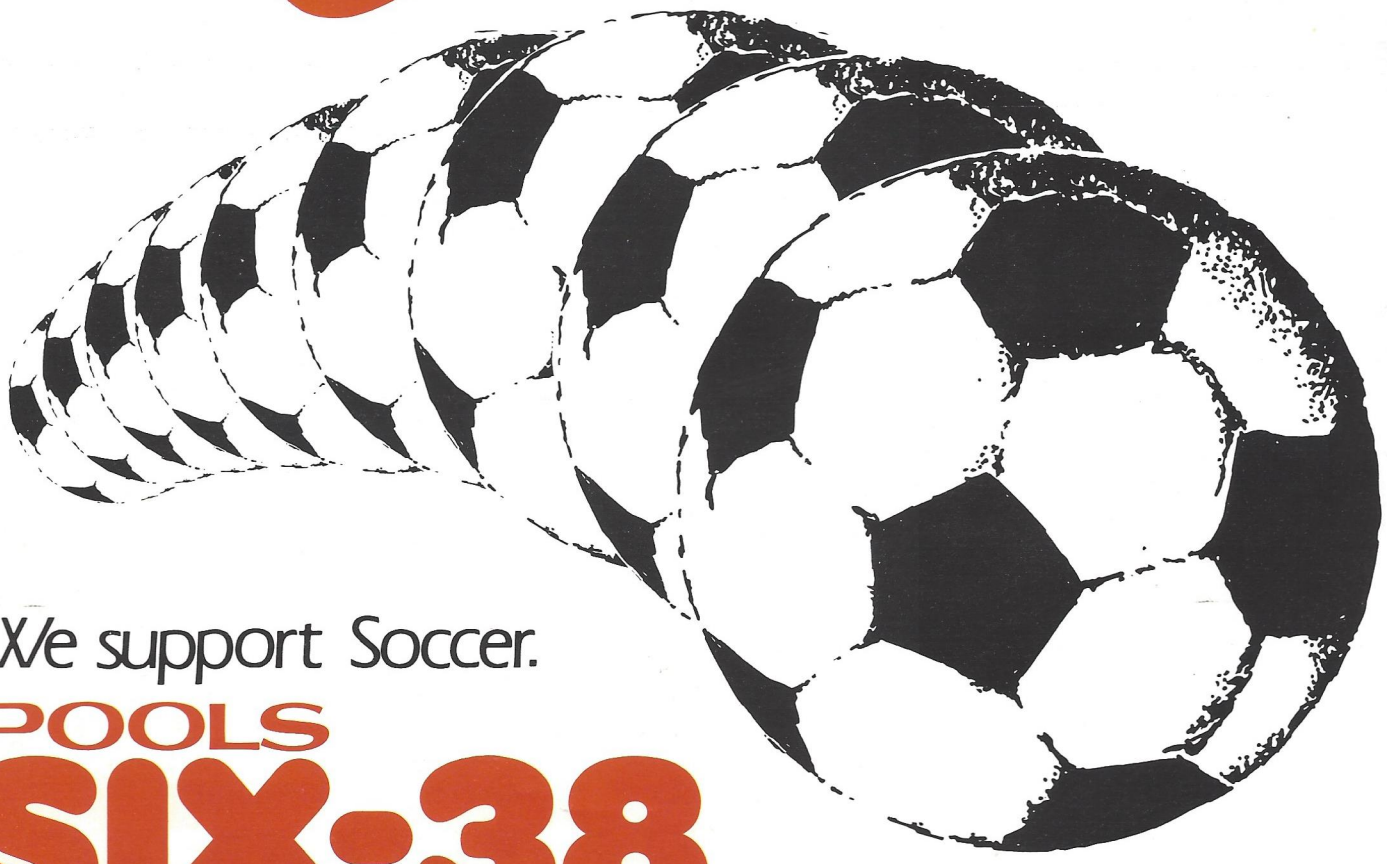

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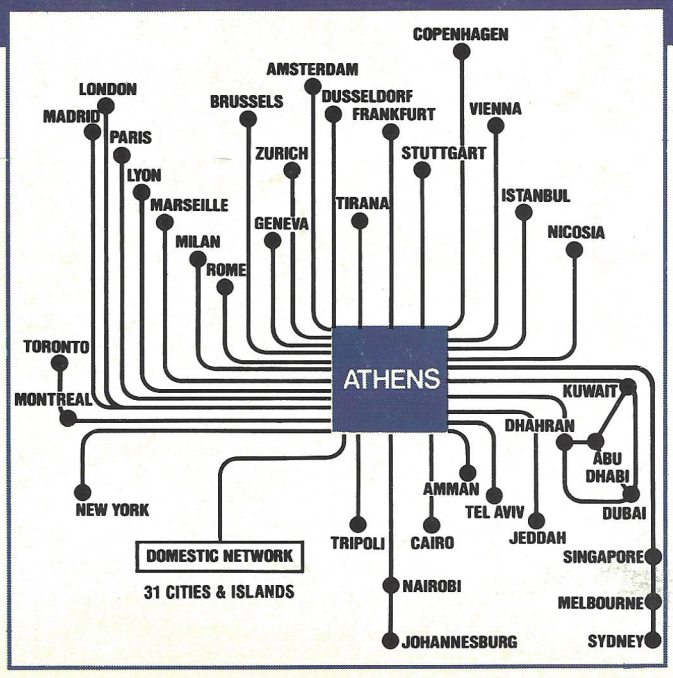

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